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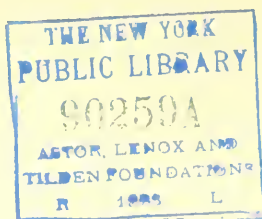
OF

RICHARD D. WOOD.

VOLUME II.

"NO LIFE IS PLEASING TO GOD
THAT IS NOT USEFUL TO MAN."

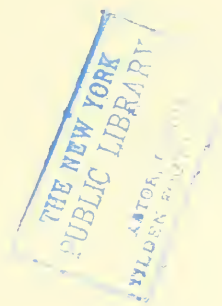
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IN opening a new volume of this sketch of your dear father's life, I may briefly advert to the fact, that whilst in the preceding volume I have imperfectly traced events of which even our oldest children know nothing, or very little, from personal observation, I here come to times and circumstances which have transpired under your eyes. This lightens my responsibility, and renders it less necessary for me to supply any links that may be missing from the chain of events spoken of by your father in his journal.

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The dangerous illness from which your father suffered in 1850, and which so nearly deprived you of his care, seems but to have added fresh vigor to his projects, and to have been a starting-point for increased attention to all his duties. In his journal, to which I shall in this volume chiefly confine myself, you will have his own narrative of these duties, that will interest you more than if furnished by my pen, whilst your more mature judgments will lead you better to appreciate the extent of his labors, and the force of mind and energy he brought to bear on his varied undertakings.

“ Jan. 1st. Went to my store, and, after making statement of my assets for the close of the year, to meeting, and saw James W. Tyson married. Went to office of District Pennsylvania Commissioners, and received interest on bonds. In the evening, with wife, to M. L. Dawson's, to the wedding supper, for his daughter Elizabeth, married to our cousin, James W. Tyson, of Baltimore. [The accustomed New-

1851. Year party at Dr. Wood's having been given us yesterday, [ET 51.] that we might be able to enjoy this festival to-day.]

"*Jan. 3d.* At bank, and read the clause in our charter in reference to the right of State to tax the bank. At Schuylkill Navigation Company's adjourned meeting, to hear the report for last year. After adjournment and a conversation about ticket, wrote one that was adopted by the managers present, putting the names of four coal men on it.

"*Jan. 4th.* Special meeting at bank, to decide whether we should admit the demand of the treasurer of the State for the increased tax. Our counsel having so determined, we yield the point, and agree to pay twenty per cent. of our dividend.

"*Jan. 6th.* Met the Schuylkill Navigation Company stockholders, who adopted the report of the board, which seems to have a good effect upon the price of the loan. Weighed this morning, with great-coat on, one hundred and forty-seven pounds, having ceased within a few days to take cod-liver oil, which I have been doing for some months, with great benefit.

"*Jan. 7th.* Much occupied by calls in my office, until I went to North America Insurance Company, and found some important business before the board. In the evening went to Board of Trade, being the last I expect to attend, having declined an election, not without some regret at giving up a position which I have held for nearly twenty years, with pleasant associations and, I think, some usefulness. A surplus of private business, and a feeling that it will be best to withdraw from some of my public engagements and have more leisure for meditation on a future state, determine me to do so.

"My wife went to the house of her aunt Justice, who is lying extremely ill, with very little probability of surviving for even a few days. She seems only waiting to be taken, being perfectly patient and quiet; believing that her work in this world is done, and that a happy home is in prospect."

Though my husband declined any longer to take an open direction in the management of this board, his interest in it continued, and we often find him not only attending their meetings, but being called on to take a part in them. One of his old coadjutors, there and elsewhere, in writing a notice of him, to be inscribed on the minutes of the Board of Trade, says: "He was one of the founders of this association, and from the year 1833, the date of its organization, until he declined, was, by annual election, either a director or officer of this board. . . . It is eminently proper, therefore, that the records of this institution should bear testimony to the high estimation in which he was held: as a merchant of great enterprise and sound judgment; as an organizer and promoter of undertakings of public utility, of great forecast and influence; and as a constant friend and efficient counsellor and assistant of industrious and meritorious young men in their efforts to rise to eminence and usefulness in the relative positions of business life. . . . So marked a trait was this in his character, and so powerful was his influence in this way, that it is said there are at least one hundred men now enjoying affluence as retired merchants, or elevated positions as active business men in this community, who owe their first success to a partnership in some of the various business enterprises inaugurated and prosecuted by Mr. Wood."

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"*Jan 13th.* At bank, and after discounting, went to attend the meeting for dividends of the North America Insurance Company, which declared twelve per cent. Rode afterwards, to contract with John Loring to bring coal from Pottsville and take it to Millville Furnace. Attended meeting of the Schuylkill Navigation Company.

"*Jan. 14th.* Rode to R. R. farm to inform tenant that I had sold it, and that I should want possession in February. Sale was made by G. B. Smith for five thousand dollars. Went with sons to see the steamer City of Glasgow. She

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ÆT. 51. seemed a fine large ship, and was filling up with country produce as a return freight. L. Q. C. Elmer called; we had a long talk about the position of D. C. Wood's lands, and find quite a large portion of them unsold. Wife at tea at the sisters Justice, where I found her about ten.

"*Jan. 15th.* Made contract with McLaughlin to take up the property in Hamilton Street on ground-rent. Rode for an hour. At the annual dinner of North American Insurance Company,—directors chiefly. Called upon Eldridge in relation to sending a vessel to Port Lavacca.

"*Jan. 16th.* Charles J. Allen spent some time with me in relation to conducting the business at the proposed foundry. To give me an answer next week. The annual meeting of the members of the Board of Trade; was called upon to preside. The meeting was large and pleasant, and the report from the board well worth a perusal.

"*Jan. 24th.* In the evening went to a lecture by Mr. Lord, on Hildebrand, or Pope Gregory, so prominent and celebrated. The lecture was extremely interesting from the importance of the subject, the vehemence of the delivery, the earnestness of manner, and the height of the coloring.

"*Jan. 25th.* Shroff, a carpenter, returned from Millville and contracted to build a foundry for fourteen hundred and fifty dollars, agreeably to John McNeal's plan of 90 by 50. The prospect looks rather promising.

"*Feb. 2d.* Nathaniel Randolph and his little son Sinton dined with us, and Edward T. R. came in to say he had just had a daughter born.

"*Feb. 18th.* Delightfully pleasant weather. Met committee of Schuylkill Navigation Company to make contract for keeping their cars in repair. Rode to see commissioners of District of Penn Township about supplying them with pipe. Talked with Mr. Yarrow about having him elected a director of Philadelphia Bank, which pleased him. Parties interested in the new foundry at Millville with me. Feel the impor-

tance of getting the house built. John McNeal at my house on the subject this evening. Reading the Life of John Randolph of Roanoke, by H. H. Garland. He was certainly an unhappy man of pre-eminent talent, whose great peculiarities and great intelligence made him a wonder to all. 1851.
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"Feb. 24th. At bank. After some conversation with regard to a new director, the name of Mr. Yarrow was concluded upon. In the evening went with wife to the lecture of Prof. Mitchel, of Cincinnati, on astronomy, a science to which he has devoted himself. He lectures with ease, having perfect command of words and of the subject upon which he speaks.

"Feb. 25th. Rode up-town among the carriage-makers to get a farm-wagon. In the evening went to meeting of North American Insurance Company, and left very early, for the purpose of going with wife to Judge Jones's, to meet Mrs. Duncan from Scotland, who seemed an extremely intelligent woman.

"March 3d. In the evening, with wife and sister Caroline, to hear Prof. Mitchel, of Cincinnati. His subject was the discovery of Neptune. He began with the Mosaic account of creation, and its accordance with the new theory of the formation of the solar system from nebulae, which he thought might be mathematically demonstrated.

"March 20th. General C. J. James called upon me about cotton manufacturing, pointing to an establishment at Millville, which he seemed disposed to enter upon on a large scale. Conversation with C. B. Dungan in relation to gas company which he is about establishing in Bridgewater, Connecticut. Promised to do something in it. Wife engaged coachman. Went in the evening with her, daughter Mary, and son Eddy to hear a lecture by Henry Reed. Subject,—Letter-writing and Letter-writers.

"March 22d. Suffering considerably all day with indigestion, which I might probably have prevented by rigid abste-

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do not practice.

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March 31st. Went to Dr. Wood's in the evening to meet a small party, among whom were Mr. M. F. Tupper, the author, from London, and the Rev. Mr. Richmond, travelling with him, who is a very unusual person, full of excitement and words and wit, but almost bordering upon insanity. Tupper was pleasant. He is certainly no ordinary man, but more modest than many of less merit.

April 4th. Was invited to go with Life Insurance Company and a party to League Island, with a view to purchasing it for a new site for a gas company. The party consisted of H. Gratz, Drs. Patterson and Mitchell, J. P. Hutchinson, F. Fraley, and others. We walked nearly round the island, examining the position of the lower end for a basin for the Schuylkill Navigation Company for shipping coal. A collation provided by the company; conversation pleasant.

April 14th. Left home in time for the stage. Reached Millville about two o'clock. Found them making small pipe, and prepared for larger ones to-morrow.

April 15th. Very soon after breakfast left with S. Wells, of Port Elizabeth, to examine the eleven thousand-acre tract. Stopped at William Garrison's and J. C. Davis's, and made an arrangement to go on Friday to run the line of Joel's land. Rode up to Dougherty's line, and saw Gregory, who told me the road to Horse Bridge.

April 16th. Cold northeast storm; raining all day. Confined to the house chiefly, and interested in reading an article on the microscope and its discoveries, from an English Review.

April 17th. Cold, stormy morning. After looking round the premises at the house and foundry, mounted horse, and went to Union Mill, along the road near the pond, and, after crossing Parvin's stream, got into the swamp so far that I began to think how I should get out. . . .

Continued to ride to Maule's Bridge, crossing the stream; thence to the C. farm, and to William Dougherty's, who showed me the line between J. Shaw and our property; then to furnace, having travelled twenty miles. Saw Mr. Bing, millwright, of May's Landing; engaged him to make a proposal for doing work necessary to put the mill in good running order. Engaged Wells to run line for me on Saturday morning. William D. Kemble called upon me, and proposed renting the mill. I named three hundred dollars as the rent for two pair of stones, and five hundred dollars for three pair. Contract—run two water-wheels.

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"April 18th. Rode up to S. Garrison's, and with him through the wood back of his place, he showing me the lines and courses between us and a piece of land which he wishes to buy. Rode home through the Union Mill tract. Spent some time in the foundry, it being the first day of full work. They made three sixteen-inch pipes, four ten-inch, six six-inch, and fourteen three-inch, making twenty-seven pipes in all. Received letter from wife, and wrote to her:

"FURNACE, 4 mo. 18, 1851.

"MY DEAR WIFE,—I was much gratified this evening by the reception of thy pleasant note of seventeenth. I expected it yesterday, and felt disappointed.

"The stormy weather has prevented our going into the general survey. I intend so to arrange the time for it as will give Richard an opportunity of aiding in the business. I have been much in the open air and on horseback, finding old Bill a capital and pleasant fellow. The exercise and exposure seem to agree with me.

"Yesterday I had quite an adventure, while riding for the purpose of discovering the value of a large tract of land. I attempted to keep close to the river, and in doing so missed the road; and pushing on in a direction that I thought would bring me right, got into the swamp among the

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 ÆT. 52. } brambles, so high and thick, with a soft bottom, that the horse declined going any farther, thinking, I suppose, that it was quite as far as was prudent. Although I agreed with him, I did not feel disposed to relinquish my plan, and dismounted for the purpose of leading him on. My efforts to get through the briers soon proved fruitless, and becoming entangled I fell. The horse stood quietly over me. I was soon up, and saying to Bill 'We would try to retrace our steps,' I cut a switch and mounted. He understood the case exactly, and putting his heart and muscles at work, went over brambles and bushes as if swamp-hunting had been his only training. I confess, upon getting upon firm land, there was considerable relief.

"I am pleased that Eddy's tooth is out, it will be a cause of complaint less. He is a singular compound, but I trust patient good training will make something of him. I should like a caress from Wallie; he has no rival here.

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"Our furniture all arrived safely, but is not yet up. I told Mrs. Sharp thy wishes, and have no doubt she will do very nicely. She is very tidy in her housekeeping, giving me all my meals alone, and a pleasant fire in the evening in my chamber.

"It is now beautifully starlight, for the first night since I have been here, and made more pleasant by the promise it gives of a fine day to-morrow, which I expect to spend in the woods, at least the A.M. of it.

"The new foundry is in full operation to-day, for the first time, and does generally well. It is hard, however, to have anything perfect at the beginning.

"It was a great day with all our people yesterday. The grand menagerie was here, I suppose for the first time. Young and old of all grades were at the show, and at its winding up, as a special treat, the great elephant was made to swim across the Maurice River. All Millville has now, I suppose, 'seen the elephant,' and will feel quite happy for some time to come.

"Give my love to all our eight, as thee now has them
about thee, and hope that not very long after this comes to
hand I shall make one of the ten." 1851.
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"*April 19th.* Mr. Wells called upon me to go to survey the Joel Davis property. He started, and I soon followed on my horse. Met Joel, who told me he could not go, but that his son John knew all about it and had the deed. Rode on and met Wells returning, who told me that John did not wish to go. I, however, turned him about, and we went to John's, who agreed to go and take the deed. We came to Davis's land about two miles from the Malaga Road. John showed us a white oak-tree his father had told him was the corner, but upon setting the compass soon discovered that we were on the south, instead of the north, side of the lot, which was the beginning corner. W. Garrison seemed to know all about it. We walked over to the north and found the line. Here I left them and returned through the tract on the west side of Malaga Road. Dined, and went to Millville to attend the sale of the remaining tracts of property. I purchased the whole, containing about six thousand seven hundred acres, for thirty-nine hundred and ninety-five dollars. Wrote to L. Q. C. Elmer, informing him of the sale, and that the sheriff would go to Bridgeton on Saturday next to execute the deed. Requested him to have it done, recorded, and sent to me at Philadelphia. I hope this closes the whole of the unpleasant business of selling the property of a brother against his will and without his consent; but in my opinion certainly better for him and all his creditors. I feel some confidence that I have acted properly in the matter, but I presume may have done unconsciously what I should not have done. May my Maker and Saviour have mercy upon me for any deficiencies, and for any sins of thought, word, or deed.

"*April 20th.* Went to Methodist meeting and heard a sermon from an earnest but illiterate man. The responses of

1851. the congregation, in groans and ejaculations, during the prayer
 presented a striking contrast to the silence of our meetings.
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"*April 21st.* Left in the stage. Had a quiet ride, reading an article on Philip Doddridge, from the *British Review*. On arriving, went to Schuylkill Navigation Company board, at which was discussed the propriety of reducing tolls to meet reductions made, or promised, by the Reading Road.

"*April 22d.* Attended Yearly Meeting in the afternoon; was interested, and somewhat amused at the speeches of some of the Friends. Our son R. went to Haverford and returned. Took tea at Dr. Wood's with wife and son. Wrote an introductory letter to Mr. T. Mills, a surveyor, whom my son goes down to assist.

"*April 28th.* Spent an hour at bank; a short time at Schuylkill Navigation Company's office. Had some conversation with our young men going West collecting. Left after an early dinner for Lombardy Grove.

"*May 3d.* Met dividend committee of Philadelphia Bank, which concluded to divide six per cent. for the last six months. At Schuylkill Navigation Company's office; the affairs looking something better this week. Hired Samuel Laird, who has just arrived from Ireland, for coachman, at ten dollars for the first two months, and twelve dollars per month thereafter; he brings good testimonials from Londonderry.

"*May 7th.* An interview with Sturdivant almost prevented me from going to meeting; after being seated I felt very conscious of a proper employment of mind. Rode afterward, and bought hay.

"*May 8th.* Troubled with pain and weakness of the thighs; I presume, wearing out from too much use when a young man. Had quite a discussion on the true method of settling the toll on the Schuylkill Navigation Company's canal. Wife went to see her sister Phœbe, who is in a critical state of health.

"*May 15th.* Son R. and Frank Page left for Haverford. 1851.
In bidding Richard good-by, I said to him that his whole ^{Æt. 52.}
career in life would probably be influenced by the result of
this his last session. He seemed to understand the im-
portance of it, and has behaved very well during the present
vacation. My prayer is that his heavenly Father will draw
him to Himself and enable me to set him an example in best
things.

"*May 16th.* The death of Dr. S. G. Morton produced
quite a sensation of gloom throughout the city, and a very
strong expression of regret and high eulogiums upon his
character and position in society.

"*May 18th.* Went in the evening to hear Mr. Wadsworth
preach in the Penn Square church. The house was quite
full, and the preacher extremely earnest and often very elo-
quent. The sermon was a charitable one, for the benefit of
an association in the southern part of the city, composed of
females. His text was, 'Help those women,' from St. Paul's
Epistle to the Philippians.

"*June 2d.* At bank, and handled the notes for discount,
passing most of them. Called upon Campbell & Co., Crane
& Co., and others in relation to purchasing pig-iron, and
find price nineteen dollars cash. Took B. V. Marsh down
to see Wm. Lovering, whom I had promised to see again
in relation to the injury sustained by him in being run
against by the carriage. He seemed more inclined to take
my suggestions kindly, but not to commit himself as to the
suit in any way. He did not deny that he had employed
Mr. Cuyler for a share of what he might obtain, but gave
me some reason to conclude that he had done so. Benja-
min, however, did not think he said enough to convict him
of that sort of bargain."

My husband here refers to a circumstance that gave us
some trouble, and that occurred in the month of April, when

1851. I had been with our dear Carrie and several little children
ÆT. 52. to a florist's—in the country—to select some plants for our garden. Looking at my watch just as I was leaving, and stepping into the carriage, I remarked to Patrick McGowan, who had very recently entered our service, that “It was late, and if we did not hasten I feared that we should keep Mr. Wood waiting for dinner.” Thus prompted, he may have driven pretty fast, although I said nothing more to induce him to do so. Coming down Sixth, and turning a corner into Arch Street, the tongue of the carriage struck a feeble old man, who was also deaf, knocking him down. I stopped the carriage at once, although we might easily have driven on, and when the crowd had a little dispersed I alighted, and going into the drug-store N. E. corner of Sixth and Arch, into which he had been taken, requested them to send for our friend, Dr. Edward Mayer, whose office was on the other side of the street. I was told there did not seem to be much injury done, and that they had already sent for Dr. Beaumont, who was also very near. So, taking the address of Wm. Lovering, and giving my own, with many expressions of kindness and regret, I hastened home to meet my husband and a few of his friends at dinner, thinking no more of it until evening, when, sending the coachman to inquire, the message he brought of the man's being so little hurt, and needing nothing from us,—living, as Patrick said, in “a three-story brick house, almost as good as our own,”—so entirely relieved us that we dismissed it from our minds, and were never more surprised than when, a few days before the above entry, a writ was served on Mr. Wood for most extravagant damages. I think in the first instance five thousand dollars was named,—Mr. Theodore Cuyler being the lawyer, and Dr. Beaumont testifying to the injury done to the man, who had, it was asserted, been for three weeks unable to work from the injury to his back and shoulder. My husband always suspected that there was collusion between the coachman,—who put in the plea

of fast driving by my orders,—the injured man, and the persons who instigated the suit; and when the compromise was at length effected, Mr. Wood paid the old man himself in the presence of his wife, which mode of proceeding the lawyers told him “was *very unprofessional*.”

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“*June 10th.* Went to hear oration by Dr. G. B. Wood, at Musical Fund Hall, on the centennial celebration of the Pennsylvania Hospital. He gave a short history of the institution, and the good it had effected; its usefulness as a means of medical instruction, and the propriety and advantage of furnishing it with further means of usefulness, making a striking appeal to the public for it. I heard many commendations of the oration as I came away from persons of the highest standing in the community, many of whom were present. I certainly was pleased, connected with him as I am.

“*June 14th.* Left for farm, taking cook. From Oaklands rode over in stage, missing my wife, who went for me too late. Found, in going round the fields, many daisies, which I pulled up.

“*June 25th.* Wm. King, brother of the judge, called upon us, he stated, on a friendly mission, for the purpose of ascertaining if he could save a lawsuit between Lovering and myself for injuries done him by my carriage. After going over the whole matter with him, I found he was attempting to make a case for Lovering, and probably to help himself, as he fixed the damages he sustained at twenty-five hundred dollars. I told him it was vastly beyond my notions, but that I was willing to pay all the loss and expense he had been subjected to.

“*June 27th.* Called upon G. Howell, in whose employ Lovering is; he stated that he had seen Lovering and that he refused to listen to any proposition of compromise. Made up my mind to let the thing take its course.

1851. "*July 1st.* Left home with son Eddy for Millville, and,
Et. 52. after getting to stage, found J. F. Smith and an assistant engineer ready to accompany us. Had a pleasant ride down. After arriving, started for an examination of the race, and followed it all the way to the dam and around it.

"*July 2d.* Rode, before breakfast, to Port Elizabeth, to see Wells and get a map of canal taken by him, but failed to get it. On returning, found assistant on the canal at work. Received a letter from Dr. Randolph, saying our son George had injured his hand and fingers very much.

"*July 5th.* Rose early, saw my horse fed, and got into stage for city. Found a number of letters from wife, in reference to our son George's wound, and intend taking Dr. Norris to see him to-morrow.

"*July 6th.* Left, in cars, for Woodside, and reached there in about two hours. Found wife ready to consult about the removal of our wounded boy, and determined to take him to the city to see another surgeon. He seems in good spirits and rather to enjoy his notoriety. Rode over to Lombardy Grove, dining, and looking round the farm; then back to Woodside, and, with wife, son George, and Dr. Randolph, went to the West Chester cars and city home.

"*July 7th.* Dr. Mayer came. George's wound, upon examination, looked worse than I apprehended. The doctor seemed to understand the true mode of dressing it, and came again in the evening.

"*July 9th.* Spent the day chiefly on the farm,—in the harvestfield and pulling up weeds. Set the ram at work in the morning, and find it goes steadily on. Walked to Lyonville, and find taxes are payable at the Eagle, on Monday next.

"*July 10th.* Left farm at six. Opposite Haverford we came in collision with an upward train. The shock stunned most of the passengers; but none appeared seriously hurt. My face was a little scraped; I hope to be thankful for so small an injury. The car coming up was very much broken

by the contact, and our car was somewhat injured. Found son George's hand improving. 1851.

"*July 12th.* Left, in the cars, for farm. Some of my children were waiting for me. Things looked pleasant, but I felt uncomfortable from pain in the right side, occasioned by the fall I met with, two days ago, in the collision of railroad cars. ÆT. 52.

"*July 17th.* On examination, the doctor thinks one of my ribs fractured by the collision a few days since. Saw wife to West Chester cars, son George being well enough for her to leave him.

"*July 19th.* Left for the farm at seven, taking sister Caroline and Miss Wells. In the afternoon Dr. Wood came out. The rain kept back the hay-making, leaving us yet much behind in our harvest.

"*July 23d.* My son Richard came to see me, and disclosed his wish to go to Harvard College after graduating at Haverford. He gave his reasons, which I did not think strong enough to obtain my consent. I said to him that I would be entirely willing that he should go if he wishes to become a professional man; but if he intends to be a merchant, I prefer his coming into my counting-room when he leaves Haverford. He acquiesced.

"*July 28th.* Left the city, accompanied by W. L. Abbott, for Pottsville, having a pleasant run up. Called upon J. Pinkerton in relation to our coal lands in his occupancy, and afterwards on S. Sillyman.

"*July 29th.* Early in the morning left with W. L. Abbott, S. Sillyman, and John Pinkerton for our mines, and had a pleasant ride. Stopped first at the working of Bennet & Erdman, who are making some progress in the Patrick Mine, but to me their prospect is not flattering. Rode up to Cascar Williams's, and walked up the Mine Hill to a shaft sunk on the mine of Rogers Sinnickson, the most northerly of which they are working, and which we suppose to be the vein in our upper tunnel most worked by Mr. Whitford.

1851. Returned to Pottsville in time for the cars to Reading, at
which place I called upon Richards, the secretary of the
gas company, to receive from him some account of its condition and prospects.

July 31st. At bank, and found a large demand for money, discounting not half the applications. Busy with various parties before dinner, after which I left with son George for the farm, and had pleasant ride, finding my wife and her friend Emily Mayer waiting for me.

Aug. 4th. All my family absent, and only the cook and chambermaid in the house [in town]. A solitary life, if no books were at hand.

Aug. 9th. Left Millville, after breakfast, in the stage, for the city; it was warm, and the stage full. Found letters from wife. Offered to Bennet Hogan the house that he occupies for one hundred and fifty dollars, on credit. Offered Malcolm McNeal the house he occupies at three hundred dollars, on credit.

Aug. 16th. In the afternoon left in the West Chester cars for the farm, accompanied by Richard and Julianna Randolph, Mary R. and Hannah Maule, and Mary R. Parry. At Haverford took up our son and Elizabeth Hopkins. On getting to Kirk's found our carriage. As it would not take us all, hired a wagon and rode over.

Aug. 22d. Called at Philadelphia Bank, and found the president in a state of excitement, on account of the conduct of the cashier. Talked with the latter, and found him much dejected. In the evening went, by appointment, to the house of President Smith to meet S. W. Jones and Quintin Campbell, to hear a development concerning Mr. J. B. Trevor, which I am sorry to find involves him in further guilt. His letter expresses extreme sorrow for his course, and anxiety to do all he can to place the bank in a proper position.

Aug. 25th. Left farm for West Chester cars. Reached city just at bank hours. Had a protracted session, owing

to the communication of president to board of the course of the cashier. After much discussion, we agreed to meet at his house in the evening; which we did, and the result was that Mr. Welsh and myself should go to New York for the purpose of seeing the cashier of the Merchants' Bank. The disposition is to repudiate some of the acts of our cashier.

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"*Aug. 27th.* Lodged last night in New Brunswick, a number of Philadelphians doing so to save expense, and from fear of bad lodgings in New York. Left in the cars with Mr. Welsh, reached New York in two hours, and went to the Merchants' Bank. After waiting a few minutes, Mr. C. came, when we introduced ourselves, and handing the account of the Philadelphia Bank, asked him to compare it with theirs. We found the balance nearly alike, but the aggregate of the Merchants' Bank much the greatest. Being unable to satisfy ourselves we asked for the books, and after some investigation came to an item of ninety thousand dollars which was not on the books of the Philadelphia Bank. We asked for the voucher, which produced a telegraphic despatch from Mr. Trevor authorizing it. After some conversation, in which we took the side of the non-liability of the Philadelphia Bank, as it was not for their use, we saw the president, who differed from us on that point. We also saw Mr. B., who seems much implicated; our conversation did not raise him in my estimation. Dined at Irving House, came home by Amboy, and reached city at nine. Went to see Mr. Smith, and made our report to him of the result of our investigations. He received it with as much calmness as could be expected from his state of health and excitable temperament.

"*Aug. 28th.* At bank had a most exciting session on the subject of our difficulties with the cashier, and finally decided to ask him to resign; which he did, and we appointed Mr. Comegys in the place he occupied. In the afternoon to the farm.

1851. *Aug. 29th.* Occupied in looking around the farm and seeing the operation for draining. Was much vexed by finding our neighbor Donnelly's pig in our corn, and told him I would pay for his keeping if he would pen him; but if I found him in the corn again I should kill him. He promised to put him up.

Sept. 3d. Spent some time in the field with my drainers, the first ploughing being nearly finished. After dinner went to mill, from thence to Downingtown for paling, and there took cars, and reached the city in safety. Family leave tomorrow.

Sept. 4th. Wife arrived at late dinner-time, bringing the remainder of the family from the farm,—sons George, Randolph, Walter, daughter Julia, and three maids, thus establishing ourselves again at home.

Sept. 17th. Left in carriage with son George for Haverford, and reached there before the delivering of the diplomas, which we witnessed. Heard Charles Varnall give the address, which was listened to with attention, and was of a high moral tone. Came in to dinner, bringing our son, who finally leaves the institution. In the evening we had, by invitation, a large number of the students on his account.

Oct. 2d. Son Richard commenced this morning as an apprentice with Wood, Bacon & Co. He seems disposed to enter upon his duties with pleasure, and I hope will be favored to do what will be required of him to the satisfaction of his employers. He shows a good temper, and manifests a disposition to improve himself. Had conversation with George Carman, and offered him eight thousand dollars to cut the canal from the Union to the furnace, at an average of thirty-five feet in breadth and four feet deep, according to the survey made by J. F. Smith. He asked time to make up his mind. Sold Stephen A. Garrison the hoop-poles on the tract south of Parvin and west of the Malaga Road, at

one dollar and sixty-five cents for two hundred hoops, long count. N. Stratton offers to purchase the poles on the Irish survey, which I offer him at one dollar and sixty cents for two hundred hoops. 1851.
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"Oct. 17th. Drove with wife and daughter to Gratz's, on Broad Street. Was pleasantly received by the owners, and walked over the grounds. It is a fine old place, with a large fruit- and flower-garden, and many old pines in the lawn. The house was built by Francis, one of the partners of the old firm of Willing & Francis, who were among the most conspicuous merchants of the city at the end of the last century.

"Oct. 23d. Agreed with president of Philadelphia Bank to go to New York to examine the mortgage upon which the bonds of the Trevorton Railroad Company are issued. Had several interviews with Parker, of Goddard & Parker, and Atwood, of Hamilton & Atwood, in reference to sale of clarified ginseng, just arrived for us. Told S. F. Smith that I was satisfied that John Welsh should be president of Philadelphia Bank.

"Oct. 25th, *New York*. Went to water-works to see if J. L. Mott would be our agent to sell pipes and get contracts. Had a long conversation with George Beebe, about the Trevorton Railroad affairs. He was very urgent that the Philadelphia Bank should give up all the bonds it holds, except sufficient to cover its indebtedness, at ninety. This I told him it would not do. Judge Helfenstein and Higgins stated to me that no negotiations were progressing with much certainty of being completed this week, and talked very sanguinely. Beebe came in and put them in a gloomier mood. Sheppard Knapp behaved extremely well, and seemed to give me all the information he possessed. I read and examined the mortgages, which appear properly executed, with some small deficiencies, which I pointed out. The presidents of the companies had, however, issued bonds without the knowledge of the trustees. After finishing matters con-

1851. ^{1851.} nected with Philadelphia Bank, went to see men in the lead
 A.T. 52. business, to learn prices. Reached the city at nine, and
 went to see President Smith.

"Oct. 28th. Sent a note declining invitation to an evening party at Colonel W. C. Patterson's. It is a matter of some difficulty to decide about the acceptance of such invitations. But deeming it best to mix as little as is consistent with my position in the company of men whose thoughts are chiefly on the things of this world, I declined. I may have come to a wrong conclusion, but it is one that is much in opposition to my love of social enjoyment.

"Nov. 3d. My wife spent some time with her sister Phœbe this morning, being the first time she has been permitted to see her for a month. She found her just closing with this world, and had a satisfactory conversation with her as to her hopes,—she feeling as if time would end with her in a few hours.

"Nov. 4th. Left, in the cars, for the farm, reached there at nine. Found Hugh Sharp husking corn, and Edward ditching; took him off and set him to digging holes to plant trees sent out a few days since. Planted about thirty in the afternoon.

"Nov. 5th. Gave Sharp directions. Paid bills. Came down with J. Echert, and conversed with him about Trevor's defalcation and of a tract of land in Virginia. On reaching home wife told me that our sister Phœbe died yesterday, very peacefully,—a large number of her relatives around her. We trust she has gone to a Saviour who will welcome her. Spent an hour or two at our brother Nathaniel Randolph's after tea. He feels very much bereaved.

"Nov. 7th. Called for a few minutes at bank; then to the funeral of our sister Phœbe, which was to leave for Germantown at ten. Found the family assembled and sitting silently. Pretty soon Samuel Bettle, Sr., spoke, giving some account of conversations held with Phœbe, a few days previous to

her death, of most satisfactory character. He spoke very well, and very soon was in supplication fervently. 1851.

"*Nov. 27th.* Delightfully clear, pleasant day. Took my son Eddy to Arch Street meeting, it being Thanksgiving-day, under the proclamation of the governor.

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"*Nov. 28th.* Busy with contractors for the canal, and other people at the counting-room. In the afternoon went to the funeral of Thomas Wistar, who died in his eighty-eighth year, full of good works, and, I trust, full of faith in the Redeemer. Called last evening to see St. G. T. Campbell about the suit of Lovering. Made an arrangement to bring Dr. Beaumont and show some other testimony. In the evening took Dr. Beaumont to St. George Tucker Campbell to tell him what he knew of the injury to Lovering and his present state of health. He seemed very cautious as to any opinion, but evidently thinks him, at this time, none the worse for the accident. Left with Campbell my wife's written statement of the accident, and also the testimony given by Patrick McGowan.

"*Dec. 11th.* Rose early, and, breakfasting in Camden, went in stage to Millville, reaching there about half-past two. On arriving, went to see Mr. Knoderer, the engineer; found him marking out the line of the canal, as it is intended to be made. Walked through the swamp and along the canal to the mill, and had conversation with the Carmans. Returned to the house, having White, the contractor, with me, and in the evening looked over the proposals with the engineer.

"*Dec. 13th.* Left Millville in the stage, having a clear, cold ride. Thomas Sheldon came up with us, and says he knows the corners and lines of Joel Davis's lands, and that he will give his evidence when called upon. He lives at, or near, Blackwoodtown, New Jersey.

"*Dec. 20th.* Had a decided conversation in regard to the presidency of the Philadelphia Bank, I taking the ground

1851. that Thomas Robins must be the man. Asa Whitney to
see me to talk of the Trevorton concern.
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"*Dec. 24th.* Kossuth's procession occupied the attention of the citizens most of the morning; it was large, and passed through several streets, ending at Independence Hall, where he delivered an address. I saw it a few times at a distance as I was riding. My son Richard has taken a warm interest in Kossuth, and were it not for his peaceable opinions, he would applaud his whole course. Dr. Wood and wife and sister Hannah took tea with us. We had quite a large display of Christmas presents.

"*Dec. 29th.* Beautifully clear and mild, thermometer forty degrees. After breakfast, went to see W. B. Thomas, to consult him about renting my mill, at Millville, as partner with Kemble. He gave me some encouragement that he would do it. Busy in store making up the accounts of D. C. Wood, and find his debts quite large.

"*Dec. 31st.* Most of the morning at bank, when Mr. Smith resigned as president, to take effect on the nineteenth, and in the office of Ludlow, arranging for the resignation of the old board of the Trevorton, Mahanoy, and Susquehanna Railroad Company and the Mahanoy and Shamokin Improvement Company, to one of which I was appointed temporary chairman, and to the other president, in place of Mr. Howell, resigned. Being named to prepare an article on the resignation of Mr. Smith, I wrote a few resolutions to be handed to bank at our next meeting.

"*Jan. 1st.* Spent several hours at bank, and at the office of Ludlow in changing the directors of the Trevorton, Mahanoy and Shamokin Railroad Company, of which I was appointed president. Dined with wife, brothers and sisters, at Dr. Wood's, and in the evening our elder children to tea. 1852.
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"*Jan. 2d.* Much occupied at bank with Mr. Whitney endeavoring to close the Trevorton affairs. Rode before dinner. Afternoon at Schuylkill Navigation office, and with Kemble about mill.

"*Jan. 9th.* Said to Peter McCall that I would sign any agreement that he would write to bind me to abide the results of the suit against the securities of Mr. Trevor, as one of them. In the evening went with children to the annual meeting of the Eromathean Society.

"*Jan. 21st.* With Finance Committee of Schuylkill Navigation Company, and agreed to join the individual members of the board in protecting Mr. Fraley from loss if he purchased the mortgage loan of Deal of twenty-one hundred dollars to prevent a suit.

"*Jan. 29th.* Made a short speech at bank this morning, in relation to its claims upon Mr. Trevor, which, I think, made a favorable impression. Rode before dinner. M. called to see me about the Trevorton Railroad bridge. Went with wife to hear Dr. Durbin's lecture on the political influences of the Catholic and Protestant religions.

"*Jan. 30th.* Gave W. D. Kemble some reason to conclude that I would join him in carrying on the mill at Millville. Rode some distance, always finding comfort from the exercise. Spent the evening with wife, son, and daughter, with a party, at Rev. Dr. Mayer's.

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"*Feb. 2d.* Much excitement all day about the election of directors for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Voted late in the morning,—the new ticket generally. At meeting of Schuylkill Navigation board in the afternoon. In the evening presided at our annual meeting of the Board of Trade; after that attended meeting of the Pennsylvania Steamship Company, until it closed, then went to Dr. Wood's to spend the evening.

"*Feb. 3d.* The opposition ticket of the Pennsylvania Railroad succeeded yesterday by a respectable majority. Rode a few miles to the north before dinner. Spent the evening at Richard Randolph's, with wife.

"*Feb. 4th.* Left home and reached Camden in time to go by the stage to Millville. Upon looking at my account here, find the expenditures for the past year have been about eight thousand dollars,—for buildings principally. Looked around the premises and find great difference in appearance from the destruction of the old furnace building. Walked down to the wharves and saw a large quantity of hoop-poles.

"*Feb. 7th.* Left Millville. Very soon after I got to my counting-house General Curtis came to see me, and gave a glowing account of some iron mountains he had been buying on Lake Superior. Spent evening at Dr. Wood's Wistar-party quite pleasantly. Granville John Penn was there.

"*Feb. 9th.* At bank the resolutions to prosecute the securities of Trevor were adopted. I declined to vote upon them. Had a conversation with Mr. Robins, president, on various matters, and about my securityship as in Mr. McCall's hands.

"*Feb. 29th.* Walked up to see Henry Triebel,* whom I found unable to talk and with no probability of living more than a few days. I bade him farewell, and said to him he would soon be better off. He nodded assent and seemed entirely composed.

* A very worthy young man, much beloved by the young men in my husband's store, where he had for some years been employed.

"*March 10th.* Attended meeting of banks, at Bank of Pennsylvania, and was appointed a delegate to go to Mobile to protect the interest of the associated banks. 1852.
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"*March 13th.* Saw Mr. Whitney, who goes to Trevorton. Called upon Mr. McCall, who wants information about the securities given by Howell and Ludlow to the bank.

"*March 20th.* Called upon J. Thomas, president of Commercial Bank, for instructions in regard to the mission to Mobile. He promised to write me a note on the subject.

"*March 25th.* Left with wife, after breakfast, in the cars, for Baltimore, and met Fred. Bower and wife, of England. Found them pleasant, and our ride made much more agreeable by their company. I. Tyson met us at the cars and took us to his house, and in the afternoon showed us the town. Mr. Bower and wife took tea with us.

"*March 27th.* Left the National Hotel, Washington, at seven, and went on board steamer for Richmond. Was impressed with the degraded state of agriculture in passing from Fredericksburg to Richmond, where we arrived about four, and stopped at the Exchange. Called upon the gas company, and looked at the flour-mills.

"*March 28th.* Went to Friends' meeting, which consisted of about twenty persons, the great majority of whom but little resemble the genuine stock. Walked over the river on the Petersburg Railroad bridge, and saw the rapids and the water-power very well. In the evening attended service at St. Paul's Church.

"*March 29th.* Took passage for Wilmington, and had a continuous run all day through Petersburg, Halifax, Enfield, and Goldsborough. Country mostly covered with pine forests, with occasional openings showing bad agriculture, and some oak swamps, suitable for rice tillage. Got to Wilmington about nine, and lodged at Carolina House. Wilmington very sandy soil, but many good houses.

"*March 30th.* Went on board the Carolina before ten, and spent some time in looking at the banks of the Cape Fear

1852. River as we passed down it, with interest, and obtained such
 information as I sought for, as to its channel and the pro-
 ducts it carries to market. Very soon after getting to sea
 was sick, as were both wife and son Edward.

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"*March 31st.* In Charleston harbor about eight o'clock. Went to the Charleston Hotel, which we found a most agreeable public house. Went to bed quite sick, and remained so during the day, taking several doses of medicine under the prescription of Dr. Robertson.

"*April 1st.* Dr. R. came before I was up, and finding me better, gave us a long talk on the grand question of the South. Mr. Legare also called yesterday, and was very polite. Medicine through the day, and much relieved before night. Doctor called again in the evening. Spent most of the day reading the Life of Dr. Chalmers.

"*April 2d.* Paid doctor's bill, and walked to see Mr. Legare, and talked to him about retorts and pipes. Afterwards drove through the city and up to the cemetery. Went to the steamer Gordon, took passage for Savannah to-morrow, and then walked up to the cotton factory, which is worked by white labor.

"*April 3d.* Had a pleasant run to Savannah, not trusting myself out of my berth, however, until we had reached the river. Passing up it, the principal objects of interest were the ricefields, in one of which we saw about a hundred slaves at work; the ships waiting below for cargoes to be lowered down to them; the palmetto growing on the higher parts of the low grounds.

"*April 4th.* After looking at the unique city of Savannah, and admiring its wide streets and fanciful buildings, took supper at the Pulaski House and went to the railroad cars for Macon; at which place we arrived in time for breakfast, and were very soon transferred to the S. W. R. cars for Oglethorpe, from which point we took stages for ———; from thence by rail to Columbus. Reached it about daylight,

and took stage for Opelika, and from thence by railroad to Montgomery. 1852.

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"*April 5th.* Took breakfast at Opelika, and getting on the cars, had a slow run to Montgomery; passing through a much better cultivated country than during the previous day,—especially as we approached Montgomery,—and seeing some large plantations. We were there in time to witness the arrival and reception of Kossuth, who came very soon after ourselves.

"*April 6th.* Walked with wife to see steamer for Mobile, then up to the Capitol, and to a slave-market, which we went into. Looked at the negroes and inquired the prices. Walked up to the hills, and had pleasant view of the whole town, which is nicely situated. Saw Kossuth in conversation with the ladies. At dinner, Eddy was missing, and after much anxious search found he had been at the steamer on which we were to go at three o'clock.

"*April 7th.* Boat was lying at Selina on our awaking this morning. After breakfast walked through the town with son and Col. Douglas, of Shreveport, and found it improving,—a railroad being in course of construction to N. Alabama. Progressed slowly down the river, stopping at every landing to take in cotton.

"*April 8th.* Running pleasantly down the Alabama and stopping to take in cotton. Ran up the banks to look at the country. In many places open, but generally swampy. Had a talk with a family of slaves landed by boat. Reached Mobile, and went to Eutaw House.

"*April 9th.* Received letters from home. Spent most of the morning in looking at the property of the trust, in company with Mr. Farnum. In the afternoon rode with him to see the cotton-press, and the property in that direction. Called upon Sager, Barney, and others, and at the gas and water offices.

"*April 10th.* Met C. S. Folwell, and Gale, the auctioneer, at the office of Sidney Smith & Co.; had a talk with them

1852. about the sale. Afterwards called at gas office, and rode
 out to the works.

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"*April 11th.* Went with wife and son to Catholic church. Saw what I suppose was high mass, and heard a sermon which seemed little better than mockery. In the evening called upon Mr. Paul Chaudron, with wife and son.

"*April 12th.* After calling upon S. Smith and having a conference with him, C. S. Folwell, and the other delegates, went to the sale of the property of the trustees of the Bank of the United States.* Sale went off briskly, property generally selling well. Bid upon many of the lots, and bought two stores. Wrote to T. Robins, president of the Philadelphia Bank. In the evening Mr. Sager called, took us to his residence at Spring Hill, about five miles from town. While there saw A. Stine, proprietor of the water-works.

"*April 13th.* Returned to Mobile; called at gas-works; saw Mr. Burns; left directions with Mr. T. Smith to sell stores. Was called upon by Mr. P. Chaudron. Took passage on board the Florida, for New Orleans, receiving letters from home just as the boat pushed off.

"*April 14th.* Arrived at five o'clock; stopped at St. Louis Hotel, N. O. Called upon J. H. Caldwell, and various persons with whom I had business, and with whom I settled, or took the notes left with them. Found all our correspondents very polite. Cotton firm, and a prospect of three million bales.

"*April 15th.* Occupied in calling upon the gas and water companies, from whom I received orders for pipe, and forwarded them to Philadelphia. Saw Fellows & Co., D. D. Addison, from whom I obtained draft of lands in Arkansas he had conveyed to W., A. & Co., some years since. Eddy in bed most of the day with fever.

"*April 16th.* Went with wife early to the French market

* To look after the sale of this property, as appointed, was the main object of this journey.

and to the Cathedral. Heard mass. Drove out with her to Carrollton. Saw Adam and Eve, a celebrated painting. In the afternoon drove to the battle-ground, and to a sugar-farm and mill, and in the evening took tea at Mr. Willis's.

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"*April 17th.* Bought wife a set of china, and looked for ship Alleghany to sail for Philadelphia. Called upon J. H. Caldwell about selling retorts. On Thursday afternoon, at five, went on board the James Robb, the best boat on the river except the Eclipse.

"*April 18th.* Arose this morning while passing some very handsome sugar estates,—the kind of cultivation that extends up to the mouth of Red River. In passing Baton Rouge, the first bluff, took on board Colonel Sam Houston. The country through which we passed to-day all under cultivation. Saw President Taylor's residence.

"*April 19th.* Passed Natchez early in the morning, and soon found swampy lands, the river being high, which covered a large extent of country in many places, and in others about even with the surface. Passed Grand Gulf,—a singular bend of the river,—and reached Vicksburg, where we lay most of the night.

"*April 20th.* Passed many fine cotton plantations on both sides of the river, although just above the water, and in most cases leveed from two to five feet. While at dinner, was called to land at Lake Providence; and having done so, found J. H. McFail, who went on board, and gave me a statement of his affairs. He promised fairly, and left about dark.

"*April 21st.* Stopped at Napoleon about nine, but had not time to see Mr. Cooper, the agent of the Addison lands. The run to-day was almost exclusively through lands that are at present overflowed. Occasionally a few plantations and some clearings by wood-cutters.

"*April 22d.* Landed at Memphis before breakfast, and called upon several parties with whom we had business, and particularly upon those debtors who had manifested an indis-

1852. position to appropriate their property honestly. In the
 evening waiting for Eclipse on board the wharf-boat.

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"*April 23d.* Went on board the Eclipse at ten P.M. Had a fast run in the night, and in the morning found the land higher than below and more settled. Reached the mouth of the Ohio just in time to see the famous City of Cairo and Paducah before midnight.

"*April 24th.* Passed mouth of Wabash about breakfast-time, and soon after, Mount Vernon. Passed the James Robb at Evansville. Saw large cotton factory at Cannelton, opposite Harrisville, where we saw some mines of cannel coal. In the night met much drift-wood, which checked our speed. Wrote to son Richard and to the editors of the *North American*.

"*April 25th.* Clear, warm day. Reached Louisville, passing over the Falls about seven. Stopped at the Galt House. Went to Mr. Craik's church, and heard good sermon. Our Boston friend, Davis, called upon us. Walked into Walnut and Chestnut Streets, and saw many fine buildings. Several of our company, who expected to go to Cincinnati, detained for want of room in mail-boat.

"*April 26th.* Called upon Bullet and Smith, attorneys, and John Crabb. Walked down to Portland for a book left in the Eclipse. Before eleven went on board the Ben Franklin, and had a pleasant run up to Madison. I stopped. Wife and Eddy went on to Cincinnati.

"*April 27th.* Left Madison in the Gulnare, having seen Potter and another merchant indebted to my firm. Stopped at Vevay, which was much overflowed, as was the whole lower bank. Arrived at Cincinnati about two, and met wife at Burnett House. Find the growth of the town, since my last visit, very striking.

"*April 30th.* Left Cleveland in the cars for Pittsburg and the Monongahela House. The town looked very dreary to my wife, who was unaccustomed to so much smoke.

"*May 1st.* Left Pittsburg. Took the cars twelve miles to stages, and by them twenty-five to the first railroad station, at Leach's. From thence to the portage, which we found very tedious to cross. Ran down to the Mountain House, and stopped there all night. The scenery around interesting.

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"*May 2d.* Left in the cars at nine. Before travelling far, found the body of a man, killed by a former train; our own train killed three cows. Was gratified by the appearance of the country from Altoona down the Little Juniata. Stopped to dine and sup, reaching the city at twelve p.m., finding Julia and Walter with hooping-cough.

"*May 3d.* Busy in counting-room with various calls. Rode out to Fairmount to see the iron fence around the grounds. At Philadelphia Bank, and reported verbally my course at Mobile. Also at Commercial Bank.

"*May 4th.* Saw C. Yarnall, to enter Eddy for Haverford. Met board Insurance Company of North America. Occupied in making estimates for proposals to offer the city to make the iron railing around the public squares. Called on P. McCall, at his request, in relation to my bond for J. B. Trevor.

"*May 6th.* Signed report to chairman of the committee of banks on the Mobile estate, at the request of Mr. Keyser. At bank, and made a short report of my mission to Mobile, which appeared satisfactory. After the board, conversed with Mr. Robins about the subscription of the city to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, but did not advocate it. M. A. and S. Longstreth, with others, spent the evening with us.

"*May 8th.* Talked with Mr. Fraley about the position of Schuylkill Navigation Company since the passage of their protecting laws. At Philadelphia Bank, and examined the minutes of bank on the proposition to sell the Trevorton Coal Company. Busy most of the day in the counting-house, looking over old accounts. I find many behind.

"*May 9th.* Nat. Randolph to tea. He is in much sorrow for the loss of his little son, whom he has buried in the same grave as his mother.

1852. *May 10th.* Did not go to bank this morning on account
 of my letter sent them. Received an invitation to meet a
 committee at bank to-morrow at one. At a meeting of
 Haverford stockholders to elect managers. Much engaged
 in preparing accounts to send to the west by E. Y. Towns-
 end, who leaves on Wednesday.

May 11th. Committee decided to give us the making of
 the iron railing around Penn Square. At meeting of Schuyl-
 kill Navigation Company stockholders. Then met commit-
 tee of Philadelphia Bank to talk of my position as surety for
 Trevor. Dr. Wood returned from Richmond, and, with his
 wife, spent the evening with us.

May 15th. Left my son George, yesterday morning, at
 Westtown; went from there to the farm. Found Hugh
 nearly done planting corn, and things looking as well as I
 expected. Talked with Bingaman, who has put his fence
 over my line. He was rather crusty. After telling Hugh
 and Edward what I wished them to do, came home, and
 went to store to see what business had been done. Have
 given much thought to the payment of my bond as security
 for Trevor to Philadelphia Bank.*

May 16th. A long sermon from Cordelia Bays. Prayer
 by Regina Schober. Much interested in reading the Life of
 Dr. Chalmers. Miss Duane called and took the watch of
 her friend Miss Wightt [that had been left on one of the Mis-
 sissippi boats, and we had taken charge of to return her].

May 17th. Wrote note to Philadelphia Bank, and re-

* I have a very indistinct recollection of this unpleasant affair, growing out of the dishonorable use made by the cashier of the opportunities which his position gave him, to appropriate the funds of the bank to private speculation, trusting to replace them before the day of discovery came.

In this he was disappointed, and your father, who was one of his sureties to the bank, merely as a matter of form, to accommodate the institution, without any private friendship or personal interest, did not, I presume, feel as if in justice he should be asked, unaided by his fellow-directors, to make good a default, which proper vigilance on the part of the officers of the bank should sooner have detected.

ceived reply acceding to the request. Do not think the bank treated me well in relation to my bond for Trevor. Some conversation with D. B. Hinman about our joint security for him. 1852.
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"*May 19th.* Talked with George Fobes about the accounts which are being made out for him to take to the Western country. Wrote resignation as director of Philadelphia Bank.

"*May 22d.* Left Millville in stage, after having shown Mr. Sharp the plan for the new houses. A pleasant ride, reading the *Life of Mad. Roland*, by Abbott. A most extravagant eulogy, and a great neglect of an opportunity for defending and enforcing religion.

"*May 25th.* Our little Wally coughed much during the night. I think it a severe case. Julia is much improved. S. W. Jones called upon me about a compromise with the Philadelphia Bank as surety for J. B. Trevor. Signed the approval books of Schuylkill Navigation Company. Spent the evening at brother Horatio's.

"*May 26th.* Our son much troubled with sore throat, so much so as to keep him at home. Rode down to see Stevenson about ground-rent, which he promised to pay in full. Spent the evening at Mrs. Dr. Randolph's, with wife and a small party of their friends.

"*May 30th.* Reading the *Life of Dr. Chalmers* with much interest. His power as an orator, his industry, and vigorous mind rendered him one of the greatest men of modern times, and his faith and devotion place him among the best of Christians.

"*May 31st.* Rode before breakfast to Richmond, to look after lumber for Millville. Had a long conversation with Jas. N. Richardson about a shipment of flour to their Liverpool house. Received a resolution of the Philadelphia Bank to take Wood, Bacon & Co.'s note for five thousand dollars, in payment of my bond for Trevor.

"*June 10th, Millville.* Rode up to the Buzby Mill, taking

1852. Hawkins very much over the property; finding some good
 tracts, but much land of little value. The wheat worth
 .Et. 53. something,—perhaps fifty bushels.

"*June 11th.* Rode up to see Eli Davis, at Maule's Bridge, and found he had cut more cedars, which he denied; but which I think untrue. He claims title. Settled with Kemble; adjusting our accounts; had talk generally with Sharp about the business.

"*June 12th.* Talked with Sharp and McNeal, and left in stage for home, having a pleasant ride, and reading the 'Wide, Wide World' most of the way up. Its tendency is good, and is, perhaps, above the ordinary works of that class. Called upon Jacob Lancaster to sell iron.

"*June 17th.* Left home about five o'clock, taking wife, sons Randolph and Walter, and daughter Julia. Watered at 'the Fox Chase' and lunched at 'the Paoli,' getting to farm at one o'clock. Found scarcely any water coming from the spring, and the lawn covered with high grass. Walked round the farm, which looks generally well.

"*June 18th.* H. Sharp and man mowed the lawn, and I had a blacksmith to take down the upright pipe at the spring, which let the water down freely. Had the garden ditched and filled under the fence to keep out chickens. Punished little Wally for disobedience, perhaps too severely. He submitted in good temper.

"*June 28th.* Agreed finally with Mr. Whitney for the purchase of Trevorton coal lands and railroad. After some conversation with my wife about a journey for our children, left, in the steamboat, for New York.

"*June 29th, New York.* After breakfast, called upon Rice, Clapp & Co., then upon T. Richardson, then upon Dunham & Dinmore; also upon Grinnell & Minturn. Went over to Brooklyn, and had a talk with McNichol. Returning, bought pig-iron of Dunham & Dinmore. Left for Philadelphia, and arrived about ten. Death of Henry Clay announced.

"*July 3d.* Left home, with wife and daughter and our waiter Anne, for the farm. Worked at, and cleaned out, spring; but found difficulty about getting the water into spring-house at proper height. Men making hay from the southeast field." 1852.
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July 5th. My husband says: "Returned to the city; called upon Emily Mayer, and asked her if she would be ready to accompany us to-morrow." On that day, with her, our son Richard, and two daughters, he left on a little trip to Newport, where they passed a few days; then went up the Hudson as far as Troy, stopping, in coming down, to visit Catskill and West Point, "where the strictness of discipline much interested them."

"*July 16th, New York.* Transacted some business. Miss Mayer, daughters, and son went to see the lions of the city. Left it at five P.M., and reached home about ten, finding all well.

"*July 20th.* Saw daughters Mary and Carry and son off for the farm. Spent the day mostly at the counting-room, in endeavoring to complete bargain with Stillwell for putting up my fence. Edward Y. Townsend and H. Henderson returned from country tours.

"*July 22d.* At bank; very small offering. Changed old certificates of Schuylkill Navigation Company for new ones. Closed the contract with Stillwell & McNamene for putting up cast-iron railing for the city, and making gates, in conjunction with C. J. Allen. In the afternoon to the farm, reaching it about dark.

"*Aug. 1st.* Left in the morning train, and found my wife waiting for me at the Oaklands. Rode to Downingtown meeting, which is pleasantly situated, but, I fear, too much like myself in regard to vital religion,—the love of other things in the ascendant.

1852. "*Aug. 6th.* Left for the farm, taking Elizabeth Wells, and
ET. 53. finding my wife waiting for us. The country looks extremely luxuriant,—much more so than usual, the corn and grass crops being very rich in appearance, but much of the oats cut and injured by rain.

 "*Aug. 7th.* Spent most of the day in looking round, and in pulling up weeds of various kinds, and in cutting thistles. In the afternoon rode with family to a hill overlooking the Yellow Springs.

 "*Aug. 9th.* Left the farm this morning with wife, son R., and Elizabeth Wells; I delivered the latter to her father at the depot. At bank, business large. In the evening son R. went to steamboat to find D. Whitman, and succeeded.

 "*Aug. 10th.* Rose before five, and left for the foundry, stopping for D. Whitman at United States Hotel; took him to stage. A pleasant ride to the furnace; and in the afternoon looked at the canal digging with Messrs. Sidney and Whitman; find it progressing pretty well; complaints by both mill and foundry of want of water.

 "*Aug. 11th.* Drove Mr. Whitman up to the Union; we looked at the water passing through the water-gates, and he concluded there was sufficient power for twenty, and probably thirty, thousand spindles. Marked and measured off the ground with Sidney and Whitman for the end of the canal, and fixed places for water-weir and head-gates. Whitman states the probable cost of building and stocking with machinery a mill of ten thousand spindles, about one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

 "*Aug. 13th.* Picked some very nice plums to take to my brother David. Left, after breakfast, and had rather a pleasant ride, except in overloaded stage. Dined at Woodbury.

 "*Aug. 14th.* Spent a considerable part of the morning in copying a bill in chancery,—made by A. Browning for D. C. Wood,—to endeavor to set aside the sale of his lands by the sheriff and master in chancery. In the afternoon went, with

son Richard, in the cars, to the farm; reached it late in the evening. 1852.

"*Aug. 17th.* Morning occupied in copying the bill, given me by Mr. Browning, of D. C. Wood, which I completed in the afternoon. I also saw Thomas Smith, and had some talk with him about the original conveyance of the property to David. After tea, read over carefully with my wife the bill and the copy I made of it, to test the correctness of the copy. Æt. 53.

"*Aug. 18th.* Saw wife in the cars for the farm. Went over to see A. Browning about my affairs; to my regret became more excited than was desirable, and said hard things of D. C. Wood. Offered to reconvey his former lands in case he paid me my account.

"*Aug. 21st.* Left for West Chester; reached there in two hours. Contracted with the town for lamp-posts. Called at bank with check, and received ten hundred and fifty dollars on account of thirteen hundred dollars, and requested bank to remit balance. Called at Dr. Rivinus's for daughter Mary; and the carriage having come for us, went over to the farm.

"*Aug. 22d.* In the afternoon had conversation with Hugh and Edward, and had the young people read the chapter on the Sabbath in Abbott's Young Christian; it is of a good practical character.

Aug. 26th. At bank, and find Mr. S., the most active director in bringing suit against the sureties, to be the most alarmed at his course. Called on by C. Ellet, in behalf of the Hempfield Road; also by General Anthony, for the Springfield and — Road; subscribed one thousand dollars to its stock. Reading Footprints of the Creator with considerable interest.

"*Aug. 27th.* Went with wife over to Camden, and took acknowledgment of deeds for parties at Millville; then to see Edward Smith, and had a talk with him about the original cost of the Millville Furnace tracts. He told me he

1852. offered all his property in Cumberland, sixteen to seventeen
thousand acres, for thirty thousand dollars, together with a
Æt. 53. charter he had obtained for manufacturing purposes.

"*Sept. 5th.* In the afternoon drove with wife and several children to mother's, and gave her a dollar, received by my wife as compensation for one cent taken many years ago by an apprentice of her father's. The letter in which it was inclosed, and that gave this statement, was signed Repentance.

"*Sept. 18th.* Attended a general committee of the banks creditors of the United States Bank, and was appointed on a committee to confer with the trustees. Conversed with T. Robins in reference to a proposition made by J. B. Trevor to give up his property to the bank.

"*Sept. 23d.* At bank. Money very easy,—not worth more than five per cent. on demand. Conversed with the trustees of the United States Bank on the subject of closing the Dundas trust, and find them disposed to agree to any fair arrangement. Reading Uncle Tom's Cabin.

"*Sept. 24th.* Wife, and sons Eddy, Randolph, Wally, and daughter Julia, came home from the farm, thus ending the season there.

"*Sept. 25th.* Made some inquiry of several iron dealers, and find the price of pig has advanced about four dollars per ton. At twelve met committee of banks. The sub-committee made a report, and no action was taken upon it. I improperly allowed myself to be provoked. In the evening rode on horseback to see the houses in Pine Street.

"*Sept. 27th.* Drove with wife to see a lot of ground offered for sale by Robert A. Parrish, in the neighborhood of Seventh Street and Germantown Road. The price is fourteen thousand dollars for over six acres, and with the prospect of a general rise in property is cheap.

"*Sept. 28th.* Took the cars for the farm. Reading 'Uncle Tom' with interest. It evinces much ingenuity and power of description, mingled with pathos. Found Edward making

stone fence; two men cutting corn; Mahlon making post and rail fence; Jos. Fisher cutting briers in clearing. Walked back to Oaklands, and returned in cars to city at six o'clock.

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"Oct. 4th. At bank not much demand for money. At Schuylkill Navigation Company was invited to join the board in an excursion up the canal to-morrow. Went with wife and son Eddy to see our uncle Richard Randolph, who has just returned from a voyage to Europe. He seems well, and gratified by his journey.

"Oct. 12th. After giving my vote, left home, with sons Eddie and George, and my brother Charles's son George, in the steamboat Express, for Salem. Arrived at three, and left in the carriage, with children, for Greenwich, stopping at my nephew's, G. W. Sheppard, where I met my wife, and sisters Caroline and Hannah.

"Oct. 16th. First heavy frost,—killing the vines. Called at Philadelphia Bank and had some conversation with the president about the next dividend. It being the twentieth anniversary of our marriage, wife invited a number of those present upon that occasion, and we had our aunts Julianna and Mary, uncle R. Randolph, W. Jenks and wife, brothers doctor and Charles, and their wives and two daughters, and some others.

"Oct. 18th. At bank, and passed the notes. Inquired the freight of flour to San Francisco. J. T. Nixon dined with me. Notice of proceedings in the Lovering case against me. Saw Dr. Beaumont on the subject. Bought lot of ground of R. A. Parrish.

"Oct. 19th. In the evening, with wife and daughter Mary, to the annual meeting of the Union Benevolent Society, at which addresses were delivered by Prof. Allen, of Girard College, and Mr. Chandler.

"Oct. 25th. At bank,—money plenty. In the afternoon engaged, with other directors, in vivifying the assets of the

1852. bank, and took oysters afterward. Dr. Shoenberger called
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 .ET. 53. to ask our firm to subscribe to a large railroad iron-mill and
 furnace company, near Johnstown, in this State, urging the
 taking of fifty thousand dollars by our firm. Special meet-
 ing of Union Benevolent Society.

"*Nov. 2d.* Dr. Beaumont called upon me about the com-
 promise of Lovering. I afterwards saw St. George T.
 Campbell on the subject; also George Emlen. Spent even-
 ing at brother Charles's with wife.

"*Nov. 5th.* Called to see Dr. Heberton, to get his permis-
 sion for his driver to give testimony in the case of Lovering.
 Dr. Beaumont called upon the business of compromise; and
 after seeing him twice to-day, I paid twelve hundred and
 fifty dollars to Lovering, and gave the doctor one hundred
 dollars for his trouble. Thus closing, with about fifteen
 hundred dollars' loss, a troublesome affair, from a simple act
 of careless driving. I informed my counsel of the compro-
 mise, and asked his bill.

"*Nov. 8th.* Went from bank to the funeral of John Cooper.
 Received letter from C. A. Hecksher, of New York, intro-
 ducing Eugene B., an engineer, who is on his way to examine
 the coal and iron lands of the Cambria Company, on the
 west side of the Alleghany Mountains.

"*Nov. 11th.* Rose early to see if all the farm hands were
 at work; found them so, and that the water, which I brought
 the plumber, yesterday, to attend to, had flowed freely in
 the night. Walked much over the farm, and find the
 pasture greatly reduced, although still good. About one-
 half of the corn gathered. Cattle all doing well apparently,
 except the wounded one,—a valuable bullock, cut by a
 hatchet or some sharp instrument.

"*Nov. 14th.* I called upon Dr. Elwyn, and invited him to
 join us at the annual dinner of the Philadelphia Bank. Was
 informed in the morning that J. Jenks was quite sick,—
 bilious colic; she died this afternoon.

"*Nov. 16th.* Met Board of North America Insurance Company to decide on the question of French claims. H. M. Watts called on me about the Cambria Iron Company. Went to funeral of James Orne; after that, over to Camden, to hear the report of engineer of Cape Island Railroad. 1852.
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"*Nov. 17th.* Had a long talk with Frederick Fraley about the position and prospects of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, which continue to improve. In three years we may look for a full dividend upon the preferred stock, and in five years upon the common stock.

"*Nov. 19th.* Made up my mind, no doubt partly influenced by several articles published, for a few days past, in the *North American*, to purchase seven hundred shares of common stock of the Schuylkill Navigation Company; and gave an order for it to Howard to purchase at eighteen dollars and a half: he bought sixty-five shares. Quite an advance taking place in the price of grain.

"*Nov. 20th.* In the evening went to Wistar-party, at Governor E. Coles's, at which were present many that I knew. Conversed chiefly during the evening with W. M. Meredith and John Tucker about coal and iron, Mr. Merrick about Pennsylvania Railroad, and Dr. Elwyn of farming.

"*Nov. 22d.* In the evening met committee of city about the fences on the squares, and in returning, stopped to hear Dr. Boardman's eulogy on Webster.

"*Nov. 24th.* Spent last evening, with wife, at Oliver Parry's. Busy with the two captains of my sloops from Millville; prevented from going to meeting,—a duty which I had resolved not to put aside. John Sergeant died, yesterday, of a succession of strokes of palsy; he has been nearly gone for some time. General Curtis called upon me for the purpose of getting a subscription to the Sharon Iron Company.

"*Nov. 26th.* Consulted with partners about increasing the amount of our stock of clothing, as the probability is that it would be more profitable than the general business. In the evening attended the meeting of the Union Benevolent

1852. Society. The president being absent, acted in his place ;
 } objects of interest presented.
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"*Nov. 29th.* Attended the funeral of John Sergeant. Joseph Cabot called on me in reference to taking stock in a furnace on the Lehigh. In the evening, H. Ann Tyson, her daughter Hannah, M. L. Dawson and wife, and several of our brothers and sisters to tea.

"*Nov. 30th.* Went to the ferry to breakfast, and left in the Millville stage; broke down after a few miles, and was transferred to the Woodbury stage, in which were Thomas Evans and wife. Reached Millville in safety, notwithstanding a very heavy load. Examined new houses, and found them nearly completed. F. F. Sharp gone to Allowaytown to learn about ship-timber.

"*Dec. 1st.* Walked up to the Union Mill, taking J. McNeal along, and examining the work, of which there is much yet to do. Rode with Sharp up to a tract last purchased at sheriff's sale of D. C. W., adjoining the Rawle tract, and found it well covered with young timber from five to twenty years old.

"*Dec. 2d.* Advised of large purchases of wheat, from New York and Baltimore, and called upon Kemble to prepare for stowage. Wrote a note to W. Wallace, in reference to the stake he had put in the line of our lands, informing him it was wrong, and gave the letter to Sharp to deliver.

"*Dec. 4th.* News from England of an advance in flour and fall in cotton. Dr. Shoenberger called upon me, and proposed a subscription to the Cambria Iron Company, which I acceded to, for ten thousand dollars; Jos. Cabot for one to the Allentown Iron Company, to which I agreed for the same amount; E. Yarnall for Haverford, to which I agreed for five hundred dollars. Cheston Morris to tea, and passed the evening with H. A. Tyson, who is visiting us.

"*Dec. 5th.* Cordelia Bays preached. Prayer by Samuel Bettle, in which he named the President and the Governor.

Afternoon meeting, silent; after that walked out to Rittenhouse Square to see the progress of putting up the iron fence we have made for that square. H. A. Tyson went to church this morning, and returned in the evening with Dr. Cheston Morris, her lover and future husband. 1852.
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"*Dec. 10th.* Last evening went to a party at Colonel Patterson's, and found a houseful of gentlemen of various sects, parties, classes, and attainments. Talked this morning with S. Davis, of the Reading Mill, about my prospect of a mill at Millville. In the afternoon a long talk with Backus, of the Crane Iron Company, who gave me much information of the progress of that company.

"*Dec. 14th.* Left, after a hurried breakfast, in the cars, for the farm. The cattle in the barnyard, numbering thirty-three, all seemed to be thriving. Walked over the place, gave directions to Edward for his work, and conversed with Hugh about next year, and the mode of his working the farm. Returned home by eight in the evening.

"*Dec. 16th.* Drove with wife, and went to see H. Crosky about a purchase of shingles; W. White about building a foundry; and S. W. Laughlin about the purchase of a lot occupied by J. Boyd. Large sales of real estate making in Chestnut Street. Jos. Swift told me he had bought the theatre at eighty-five thousand dollars.

"*Dec. 22d.* Called upon Cabot, and engaged him to hold a subscription of five thousand dollars to the Allentown Furnace open until Friday. Went out to Haverford, and found son Eddy a little improved. Called upon Dr. Eckert about a subscription to an anthracite furnace. Mary had a French party.

"*Dec. 23d.* Subscribed fifteen thousand dollars to the Allentown Furnace. M. L. Dawson returned from Haverford, and reported Eddy still convalescent [from a serious attack of scarlet fever, particularly distressing to us, as my health did not permit me to go to him, which his aunt Hannah very kindly did].

1852. "*Dec. 24th.* In the evening went to the meeting of the
ÆT. 53. Union Benevolent Society, at which I presided. Daughter
Mary went to West Chester, and sister H. returned from
Haverford, leaving Eddy much better.

 "*Dec. 27th.* At bank, little business. Much occupied in
the counting-room with various persons. I find no time to
spend in any way unconnected with my various business
engagements, and do not wish for any other, if, while
strictly attending to them, I am not forgetting my duty to
my Creator and Redeemer.

"*Jan. 1st.* Engaged in the counting-room until twelve o'clock; then went to the Mint and Dr. Wood's, to meet family at New Year's dinner. I am reminded of the need of continual watchfulness and prayer for more purity, holiness, and true humility, and, above all, for more faith in the Redeemer, and in his plan of salvation. Oh, God, give the influencing power of thy Holy Spirit to lead and direct me! 1853.
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"*Jan. 7th.* My son Richard was selected by the members of the Eromathean Society—a little association for literary improvement—to deliver their annual address. I went to hear him; his subject, 'Great Men,' he handled with some skill, seeming to interest and please his audience.

"*Jan. 9th.* Our son R. away and our daughter Mary in Baltimore, reduces the family to the size of several years ago. I feel as if we are rapidly approaching the time when there will be very important changes in our circle; whether for loss or gain Providence only knows.

"*Jan. 12th.* Examined, with J. McNeal, the ground for the new foundry. Showed him where I would like it, and that the stakes be put up inside of it. Gave checks for sums due to workmen, whose balances are heavy. Saw the progress of the work by Sidney, which is small, and find there will be much to do before he is ready for the water to be let off.

"*Jan. 13th.* Went to store and examined the state of the accounts, and found many more debtors than I apprehended. Had a copy of my own account made out. Talked with Kemble, and got his account for last year. Walked up canal to the upper pond, and found the bank considerably washed. Sick headache most of the day.

"*Jan. 15th [Phila.]* Busy, in counting-room, writing let-

1853. ters and with business calls. Engaged Wm. White to go to
 Et. 53. Millville, to build my foundry and furnace, at sixty-five cents
 per perch, quarry measure. He promised that his father
 should assist him. Wife, son Richard, and daughter Carry
 to Thackeray's lecture.

"*Jan. 19th.* Our son Eddy came home from Haverford,
 on Monday, to recruit, after his attack of scarlet fever. His
 mother, aunt Hannah, and himself went to Buist's garden.
 Read George Fox's Journal with much interest. His cour-
 age and devotion to his convictions were admirable.

"*Jan. 24th.* At bank; money loaned more freely. Many
 calls for subscriptions, loans, etc. Subscribed to the Colum-
 bus and Indiana Railroad five thousand dollars. Donation
 to the sufferers of the Island of Madeira. Long negotiation
 with Mr. Doughty for gas pipe for San Francisco. John
 McNeal came up to procure articles for the new foundry.
 James Gorman, to see me about hiring to work at Lombardy
 Grove. Called on Dungan about dividends.

"*Jan. 26th.* Went to meeting, but, as it held very long,
 came out before it was over, much to my regret. In the
 evening went to the parties of D. S. Brown and John C.
 Cresson; both of them very large, and sumptuous in the
 provision, having many guests in common. Our son Richard
 and daughter Mary returned from their visit to Baltimore
 and Washington in good health, and much pleased with
 their visit.

"*Jan. 27th.* At bank; moderate demand for money.
 Called upon the secretary of the Sunbury and Erie Rail-
 road, to say I was not a subscriber, but would be in case
 the subscription took a satisfactory course. Came to final
 decision in relation to building and carrying on the furnace
 at Millville, and so instructed McNeal, who has been in the
 city looking for bellows and other necessary apparatus. Dr.
 Wood and wife to tea.

"*Jan. 29th.* Attended meeting of the stockholders of the
 Allentown Iron Works, at the office of S. & W. Welsh.

Was appointed on committee to examine assets received, and to report at next meeting. Rode to see A. Whitney about a pair of blowing-cylinders he has for sale, and then over the Wire Bridge, and saw a number of skaters above the dam. Received a present of a magnificent buffalo robe from Henry Henderson, who has just returned from a Western business tour.

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"*Feb. 4th.* Much gratified by the action of the City Councils, last night, in agreeing to subscribe twenty thousand shares of the Erie and Sunbury Road, five hundred thousand dollars to the Hempfield Road, and directing their representatives in the Pennsylvania Railroad to subscribe seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the Marietta and Wheeling Railroad. These sums will enable the companies to make these roads, absolutely essential to the commercial prosperity of our city.

"*Feb. 10th.* Much of the day spent in making and completing contracts with General W. H. Irwin, and L. T. Watson, of Lewiston, for coal lands, which I have purchased principally upon the representation of Jacobs, and from the conviction that there will be great demand for coal ere long.

"*Feb. 16th.* Mr. Sidney called, and we walked up the canal, examining the points of alteration and the places he proposed. Examined the spot for the head-gates and water-weir; also the small waste-gates, which we determined should be made new. Walking back from the Union against a heavy storm I found quite distressing. Closed with giving checks for balances due to the men.

"*Feb. 17th.* Left Millville in stage, and had a solitary ride till we took up D. McAllister, the machinist; roads heavy; dined at Woodbury. Found several letters on my return requiring attention. In the evening had a large party, principally of young ladies and gentlemen, acquaintances of our children, and some older friends.

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A.T. 53. "Feb. 24th. Found all things as well as usual at the farm; cattle in the stalls appear to be feeding well; black-pied cow just delivered of a calf; Edward working at stone fence. He came over to Oaklands to take the mare back. Went on my return to the store, and afterward to brother Charles's, where my wife, sister Mary, daughters, and Lizzy Rivinus were taking tea.

"Feb. 25th. Went over to see A. Browning in reference to the limited partnership act. He did not know it existed in New Jersey. Dr. Rivinus and his son Caldwell took dinner with us. Had an interview with G. M. Ward, on the subject of the West Jersey Railroad. After tea went to Union Benevolent Society board; thence to the meeting of citizens on the subject of a paid fire department.

"Feb. 27th. Elizabeth Rivinus took leave of us yesterday, after a visit of ten days, which has been pleasant to all of us. She is a sweet, intelligent girl. At meeting this morning, a long prayer from M. A. Lloyd. My wife a little sad, caused by some disappointment of her plans,—the notice of her coachman Samuel to leave, and her own situation. She, however, maintains an amiable frame of mind, and is, I think, anxious to prepare for eternity. Wrote to sons George and Eddy.

"Feb. 28th. Very busy; many countrymen arriving. At bank discounted all the good paper. In the evening went to the Ridgway House, to meet the commissioners of the West Jersey Railroad, to organize the company by opening the books for subscription; T. J. Yorke presided; fixed the twenty-ninth proximo for the opening, at Camden.

"March 2d. Received letters from Lewiston in reference to the purchase of the Hopewell Iron Works, saying the deeds would be made.

"March 8th. Rose before six, expecting to go in the carriage to Millville; but the new coachman, Alexander Ross, not being up in time, I had to go in the stage. Arrived in

good time to take a general survey of the premises. Examined wharf to be made, and found it four hundred and twenty-five feet; new foundry progressing well. 1853.
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"March 9th. Sidney made his appearance, examined his ground, and agreed with him as to finishing the work. Had long talk with John Herd, and others about the glass manufactory, and agreed with them; but in the evening they seemed disposed to withdraw. Russell D. Greene came down and looked at the canal and power, and I had a long talk in the evening on the subject of engaging him.

"March 10th. Walked with Greene to look at the foundry, and then left with him in the stage, having a general running conversation with him about mills and manufacturing. He came to see me after tea, and I contracted with him to pay him fifteen hundred dollars per annum, for two years, leaving the compensation after that open for a new contract.

"March 12th. Business heavy; all hands employed. Wrote letter to Governor Bigler, asking him to veto the Pennsylvania Coal Company, as opposed to the interests of the State. Most atrocious murder announced in the morning papers; committed in Moyamensing.

"March 21st. Left, in carriage, with wife; went up to the Kensington depot, and started for Trenton. Called upon W. L. Dayton, and had a conversation on the subject of D. C. Wood's suit in chancery. He thinks it possible the chancellor will order a resale of David's property, and that it would be unsafe to make any more expenditure upon it. In the afternoon to Schuylkill Navigation board.

"March 23d. After stopping at counting-house, went on board steamboat for Trenton, meeting G. Whitaker, and went together to Milton, on the Delaware, where we took passage, in stage, for Durham, and got there about three o'clock. Immediately after, went over their grounds, principally looking for ore. Saw several openings and much indication. Afterwards looked at working of the two furnaces on this estate.

1853. *March 24th.* Left, in carriage, accompanied by J. and G. Whitaker, for Bethlehem, and from thence to Cravenville, and looked over all the furnaces, finding them all in blast, after their disaster, and doing a large business. From there rode over to Allentown Furnace, and gave it an inspection, and, after dining, rode back through Hellertown to Durham.

March 25th. Left Durham, in company with the two Whitakers, for the city; while riding talked with them about railroad iron. They suggested my joining them in building a mill; I told them I would if they would make me an equal partner in Durham concerns to the extent of ten thousand dollars.

March 29th. Went to Camden to meet commissioners of West Jersey Railroad, who, after organizing, opened the books for subscription. There seemed a delay in putting names down, so I subscribed one hundred shares and came home. Learned in the afternoon that two hundred and fifty shares were taken. All my own brothers and their wives, and sister Hannah, came to tea, in celebration of my fifty-fourth birthday. If I live to see another, may I be a better man."

As the construction of railroads in New Jersey was for many years among the things Mr. Wood worked very hard to accomplish, devoting much time, thought, and money to their building, and, when that was done, minutely examining the running expenses, to keep them at as low a point as possible; and as they are frequently referred to in an indefinite way in the pages of his journal, I will endeavor here to give a brief and connected sketch of them, sufficiently accurate, I think, for our present purposes.

The commencement of what has since grown into the present system of railroads in the southern and western portions of the State of New Jersey, was made about a quarter of a century ago, when a road was graded and a

track laid from Camden to Woodbury, and horse-cars run upon it. This was, however, discontinued, and no use whatever was made of the road until some time after the purchase of the Millville estate, and the erection of the mill there by my husband. 1853.
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Desiring to increase the value of his property, he caused a bill to be introduced into the legislature of New Jersey, chartering a railroad from Camden toward Cape May, which would run through his lands. This bill was opposed by those in the interest of the Camden and Amboy Road, as this company desired to retain its unrivalled influence in railroads in this State.

It was finally arranged that the Camden and Amboy Company, under the charter of the West Jersey Railroad Company, should rebuild the road to Woodbury, and extend it to the town of Glassboro', eighteen miles from Camden, and that from this point it should be made to Millville, a distance of twenty-two miles, by the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company. In this latter company my husband took a controlling interest, at the same time desiring to interest the property owners generally in the enterprise. During our frequent drives to and from Millville he canvassed the country pretty thoroughly, endeavoring to enlighten the ignorant, to arouse the apathetic, and to convince all that, if they desired no other good than the increased value of their property, this alone should induce them to subscribe to the stock of the road.

These roads were completed in 1860. The Millville and Glassboro' is remarkable as having cost less than its estimate in every particular, and was constructed at a lower price per mile than perhaps any other road in the United States.

In the year 1863 a road was built from Millville to Cape May, thus completing the line from Philadelphia to that place. These three roads were operated separately. That from Camden to Glassboro', with the branch afterward built to Bridgeton, by the West Jersey Company; that from Glass-

1853. boro' to Millville by G. W. Thomas & Co., as lessees of the
 1854. road; and that from Millville to Cape May by the Millville
 and Cape May Railroad Company, in which the West Jersey
 Railroad Company owned a controlling interest.

This arrangement continued until October, 1867, when the Millville and Glassboro' was consolidated with the West Jersey, which also took a perpetual lease of the road south of Millville.

Since this period all these roads, with their branches to Salem and Swedesboro', have been operated by the West Jersey Railroad Company. It is safe to say that your father gave the first impulse to the railroad system of South Jersey, and that, so long as he lived, he was the most prominent and active man in it, his last business act, whilst he was very ill, being to negotiate with Mr. Alexander Benson a large amount of the bonds of the West Jersey Railroad, for the purpose of completing the Stockton House at Cape May.

April 5th. Left in carriage, crossing at Gloucester. Dined at Franklinville, after having stopped at Glassboro', and had a talk with Thomas H. Whitney about the West Jersey Railroad. Reached the foundry about four; viewed the state of the work. The new wharf nearly complete; the furnace stack about half done.

April 6th. Very soon after breakfast went to Bridgeton, and had a long conference with Mr. Nixon about D. C. W. *versus* R. D. W. He thinks I would succeed, but believes it would be dangerous to invest so large a sum as a cotton-mill would cost, while there is any contingency. Says he can continue the suit for five years. Busy in looking at the various improvements in progress, which seem most of them to be doing well.

April 7th. After talk with the men at the head of my affairs, left Millville, driving myself. Reached Camden about three, and met the commissioners of the West Jersey Rail-

road. Had an interview with Commodore Stockton, and went into session, when the Commodore made a long speech on the subscription to the road by the Camden and Amboy Railroad.

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"*April 9th.* Left in the eight o'clock train for the farm. N. Randolph in the same car. Reached the farm before eleven, and found the oats not quite half sown. Ploughing and harrowing. Returned in the afternoon, and found J. E. Thomson, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and had a pleasant conversation with him. Spent the evening, with wife and daughter, at J. Dagworthy Wells's; a small party.

"*April 10th.* At meeting in the morning. Transient feelings on the necessity of worship passed through my mind; instead of which the whole of my thoughts and affections should have been employed in humbly seeking to praise the author of my being.

"*April 11th.* At bank discounting; then occupied in taking names from ledger, preparatory to sending young men to the West. In the evening, to meeting of stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to vote for the acceptance of a supplement to their charter and to loan to various roads in Ohio.

"*April 12th.* Called upon David Reeves and had a little conversation about ore, with which he undertakes to furnish me. Mr. Green came from Connecticut, and goes to-morrow to the furnace, to put the machinery in train for the cotton-mill. Spent the evening at brother Horatio's, in company with my brothers and sisters.

"*April 15th.* Went on board steamboat Atlantic to see Dr. Wood and wife depart for their journey to Europe. Dr. Bache and Mrs. Catharine Bowie were on the boat with them. The latter looked tearful,—the others in good spirits. Wrote a note to G. Emlen, who is in a most critical condition of health, and received a prompt reply, it being a business matter. Sister Hannah came to stay with us during the absence of Dr. Wood.

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April 18th. At bank, made a speech in opposition to funding part of the contingent fund of the bank. Quite a large party of Yearly Meeting Friends' to dinner,—Sarah Trimble and others. In the afternoon went to meeting, and heard the minutes of the Meeting of Sufferings, the executive of the body of Friends.

April 19th. Went with Captain Thomas to Lewis Cheston's, to buy iron windlass for vessel. Attended meeting of board of Insurance Company of North America. Called upon Mr. Cabot, and had some conversation about the working of the furnace at Allentown. R. D. Greene came up from the furnace, and I went with him to purchase tools for his workmen; he seems anxious to get on.

April 21st. Started in the cars, with Dr. Fields, for the farm, for the purpose of putting up a ram of his invention. Got there before eleven. Succeeded in getting the ram up, and running, in time for Dr. Fields to return in the four o'clock train.

April 22d. Walked over to Lyonville, and had a talk with Joel Hawley about the railroad to that place. Jonathan Butler came to see me, and after going upon the ground, sold him about twenty-five acres of the north part of the farm at one hundred dollars per acre. Wrote to Abraham Trimble to make the survey. Went to mother's to dine, and came with wife and son George to city.

April 23d. Much occupied in counting-room; various persons called upon me. In the afternoon went over to see A. Browning, relative to D. C. Wood's affairs. He promised to have a serious talk with him, and report to me on Tuesday morning next. I have but little faith in anything being effected.

April 24th. At meeting in the morning. S. Bettie, Jr., preached, and Eliza P. Gurney prayed for a long time. In the afternoon, a little Irish female, who, it is said, came to the country to marry a person to whom she is engaged, preached and prayed; but in the supplication terminated

abruptly; rose and explained that she had not said all she had intended, then repeating it. It was done with naïveté, but left an impression unfavorable to indiscriminate preaching. 1853.
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"April 27th. Spoke to Mr. Robins in regard to Mr. Smith's proposition for the fund for decayed clerks, which he thinks is arranged. In the afternoon drove, with wife, to Richmond to see some rafts of lumber. Engaged preparing accounts for my son Richard, who starts for the West, for the purpose of making collections. Showed him the accounts and gave him some lessons.

"April 29th. Occupied with persons connected with the Millville estate. Getting sloop Story off to carry ore. Called upon Mr. Robins, president, and Mr. Smith, former president, of the Philadelphia Bank, to obtain their opinion of the dividend to be made by the bank on Monday next, as I wished to leave town in the morning, and, being one of the committee, did not like to go without ascertaining; they named seven per cent. Walked round Rittenhouse Square, and find we have completed the iron fence.

"May 3d. Went to Camden to vote for directors of the West Jersey Railroad; the Camden and Amboy Road had it all their own way, and I fear their integrity.

"May 8th. Have felt, for the last few weeks, much anxiety about the result of my business matters with my brother David, and the doubts that may be thrown upon the title of the real estate I purchased at sheriff's sale of his property, made at the suit of D. Vickers. Have concluded to offer it to him upon the payment of my claims, or to sell it for his benefit; relieved by the conclusion.

"May 9th. Took a ride before breakfast. Had numerous calls from persons about carrying lumber. At bank quite a demand for money. Called upon Moses Thomas about advertising the Hopewell lands in the counties of Bedford and Hopewell. Rode, in the afternoon, to buy white pine

1853. lumber, and bought a boat-load of Henry Crosky. Altogether one of the busiest days of my life.

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"*May 10th.* Left home for Huntingdon. Had most unpleasant words with a passenger, who wanted the seat I occupied. Stopped at Harrisburg only long enough to change cars. Dined at Mifflin, and reached Huntingdon about seven. Found General Irwin had come in the cars, and L. T. Watson, who arrived before me. Stopped at Jackson's Hotel, which is well kept.

"*May 12th.* Rode with Messrs. Watson & Horton to see the 'Sixmile Run' lands; and in the morning, with the former, up to the nearest coal opening on Hopewell, which we found to be a large vein. Walked about in search of iron, of which I saw several workings; but there is not the appearance of plenty expected.

"*May 14th.* Leaving Hopewell for Huntingdon, took the cars there, and reached Oaklands about half-past five, and, after breakfast, rode on Mr. Rogers's horse to the farm. Found all apparently doing well. Rode over to Hartman's, and engaged him to cut some lumber for Millville. Gave various directions to Edward about gardening and other matters. Sister Hannah and children arrived about one; after some talk rode back to Oaklands and took the cars.

"*May 17th.* Engaged writing letters and in various matters in counting-room until twelve, when I went to meet board of North America Insurance Company. In the afternoon, to the wharves in search of vessels,—wife driving with me. Received letter from Dr. Wood, and passed it round the family. It announced his arrival at Liverpool. Called to see Dr. Meigs; wrote note to Browning about the Higbee cedar swamp on the Millville estate.

"*May 19th.* Our daughter Carrie went to the May party of her school, taking some friends with her, and on her return states that the company enjoyed themselves notwithstanding the storm. At bank money scarce, but discounted

pretty freely. Assembled the Trevorton and Shamokin Railroad and Coal Company after business of the bank was over. 1853.
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"*May 20th.* Have been for three mornings, at six o'clock, to McGrath to have a tooth plugged,—finished this morning. Went up to Richmond and looked, with C. Wainwright, at some rafts he has for me, and saw Captain Tice preparing load. A. W. Cook, of New York, one of the directors of the Sharon Iron Company, called on me this morning to talk about the concerns of the company. Signed a power of attorney for T. Biddle, Jr., to represent Wood & Abbott as stockholders of the Franklin Railroad.

"*May 23d.* At bank a fair demand for money ; did all the business paper that we liked. Carpenter called to contract for building cotton-mill, and wife took Mrs. Mayer to drive. Ben [one of the horses] had something like a fit, which produced some alarm. Called on the farrier, Miller, who came to see him, and says it may have been occasioned by pressure of the bridle.

"*May 26th.* At seven, left in the cars for the farm, taking my nephew, Charles Wood ; were detained by a previous train having run off the track. Found family all well and apparently content. Returned in the evening train.

"*May 30th.* Wife up at three, and woke me at four. At six I went for her nurse, Rachel Foster, who came immediately. Dr. J. F. Meigs came about eight. At twelve, the baby, a fine boy, was born. Doctor came again in the evening, and reports wife doing well. Sent notices to our friends of the birth of the child.

"*May 31st.* Sent the horses and carriage to the farm by Alexander. R. D. Greene returned from New England ; engaged with him most of the day making preparations for building the cotton-mill. Among other things, bought a pair of gray horses for two hundred dollars. Wife very smart.

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"*June 1st.* I took early breakfast, and left in the steamer Balloon, in company with R. D. Greene, for Chester, where we were met by J. Leiper, who took us to the stone quarries on his father's lands, stopping a short time at the house of the judge, who has a fine garden and position on Crum Creek; returned in the boat. Much engaged in the afternoon with business pertaining to the new cotton-mill. Very many calls at counting-room; very difficult to keep quite calm.

"*June 4th.* Left for Burlington, in the cars, at nine. Called upon T. Dugdale, and settled with him how the timber for the cotton-mill was to be cut, and obtained his offer for the remainder that I might want. Had a short conversation with Robert Thomas about our matters as joint trustees for the estate of John Griscom, deceased. Some difficulty in arranging both for a visit to Pottsville and to the farm.

"*June 7th.* Engaged in preparing for an expedition to Pottsville with managers of Schuylkill Navigation Company. Left, with Anna E. Massey and daughter Carrie, for the farm, and reached it late in the evening, finding all well but our little Julia, who has a bad cough. Country never looked more fresh; I found garden, wheatfields, and grass in fine order.

"*June 8th.* Rode over to see Hartman, and gave him directions about the timber. Rode over the farm and find pasture getting short, but cattle improving. Went to work and cut up all the thistles I found, which were numerous. In the afternoon daughter Carrie drove with me to Phoenixville, to meet railroad train to go to Reading to overtake the managers of Schuylkill Navigation Company. Went into cotton-mill at Phoenixville.

"*June 9th.* Lodged at Reading, where I, last evening, saw a schooner that is building for me. Started, in the boat, with the company before five, and enjoyed the whole scenery very much. Examined the work at several points, particu-

larly at the Blue Mountain dam, which, to me, has the appearance of security. At Port Clinton, Judge Kane, who was one of the party, left us, having made himself quite agreeable. Reached Mount Carbon about ten.

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"*June 10th.* Walked with several of our party to Tumbling Run, looking at both reservoirs, which seem in complete condition. After breakfast, being accidentally left by the others, walked up to Pottsville, then to Port Carbon, and meeting Aquilla Bolton, went with him over the wharves of the company, and found them in good condition. Went afterwards to Schuylkill Haven, and saw the docks. Left at half-past four for home, stopping at Phoenixville for Anna E. Massey and daughter Mary, who went with me to the city.

"*June 11th.* Finding so much business waiting to be attended to, was compelled to remain in town instead of going to the farm with daughter Mary, as I intended, she going with her uncle Nat. Several interviews with L. T. Watson about the sale of Broad Top lands on the fourteenth. Wife out of her chamber, and her boy doing very well with his wet-nurse Maria.

"*June 14th.* Wife dined with me down-stairs yesterday, for the first time since her confinement. Engaged in arranging for the sale of the Hopewell Iron Works with L. T. Watson, who obtained the signature of W. H. Irwin to a grant for it. In the evening attended the sale, which was made to John N. Law, H. C. Wood, and ourselves, it bringing about its full value as matters now stand.

"*June 15th.* Called upon Horatio C. Wood, in reference to his purchase of the coal lands, last evening, and offered him five hundred dollars to relinquish his expectations of profit from them. After dinner left in the cars for the farm, and not finding my carriage walked over.

"*June 16th.* Rose early, and did a little work in the garden, then took a general look at the state of the farm, and found the pasture better than I expected. Gave direc-

1853. tions to begin to mow, the cornfield having been pretty well
 Et. 54. ploughed and harrowed; wheat looks very finely, but much
 cheat with it.

"*June 17th.* Breakfasted about five, and left for the city. Saw L. T. Watson, and brother Horatio, and made an arrangement for the resale of the Hopewell property that he had purchased.

"*June 19th.* Wife breakfasted with me in the dining-room, the first time since her confinement. Sister Hannah came from the farm, bringing daughter Julia, who has a cough, to see Dr. Meigs.*

"*June 20th.* Started for Millville in the stage, having for fellow-passengers Squire Dunlap, of that place, and Dr. Beesley, of Dennisville. The foundations of the cotton-mill about one-fourth dug, and a strong force at work. The digging is through gravel to water, about ten feet, and in the bottom the foundation-logs to be laid.

"*June 21st.* After looking at business, walked with J. McNeal up the canal to the Union Mill. But little progress made in the digging since my last visit. The new furnace nearly completed; the hot-blast oven being about closing, and the hearth-stone finishing. Talked with McNeal about stopping to repair.

"*June 22d.* Looked at the work at the new furnace. Pointed out to Greene the site for the boarding-house, and left in the stage for home. Saw Mr. Watson, and made

* This cough of Julia's, at first accompanied by fever, was thought a catarrhal affection; but was the result of inhaling a piece of filbert shell, of an "irregular, oblong shape, four-tenths of an inch long by three-tenths in breadth." In a violent paroxysm of coughing, on the 16th of August, 1857, "it was discharged from the right bronchus," where, during more than four years, it had probably been immovably fixed, causing much ill health and suffering to her, and a most painful anxiety to her parents, who feared a fatal result.

A detailed account of this remarkable occurrence, as written by her uncle, Dr. Wood, may be found in the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences* for April, 1858.

arrangements for the sale of the balance of the coal land at Hopewell. Found family well, but uncomfortable from the heat. 1853.
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"*June 23d.* Attended sale of coal lands, which brought about fourteen thousand dollars more than the previous sale, which seemed quite satisfactory to General Irwin. After sale went to bank, and discounted rather moderately. Went to see the Allentown Iron Company, and elected Mr. Jos. Cabot as president. Attended to shipment of flour to California. Decided to go with wife to farm on Saturday.

"*June 24th.* Busy in counting-room, writing to correspondents and paying bills. John N. Law called, with General Irwin, and paid one thousand dollars upon his purchase of coal land. Had a conversation with H. Binney, Jr., and my brother Charles, on the subject of forming a ticket for the legislature, of independent persons, to promote the interests of the city and county. They report that they had agreed upon names, and hope for acceptance by the parties.

"*June 25th.* Settled with L. H. Corbet for schooner he built me. Went over to Camden, and had talk with DeHaven. Saw Edward Evans about slating at Millville. Dined early, and left with wife for the farm, taking the baby and its nurse. Had a very pleasant ride; the country, though quite dry, looked fine and green. Wheat nearly ripe, and much grass mown; about half of our grass cut.

"*June 27th.* Left the farm on horse for Walkertown; and, after nearly reaching the junction, ran off the track, which caused a detention of nearly two hours. Got to bank during discount hours, and discounted pretty freely. At Schuylkill Navigation Company office, and find an increase of tonnage over last week. R. D. Greene came up in the afternoon; wishes to build immediately both boarding-house and store for mill concern.

"*June 28th.* Went on board the Napoleon steamboat, ran up to Burlington, and saw T. Dugdale about lumber. Returned in the cars. The sail up the river was pleasant, very

1853. many new buildings, and some almost entirely new towns,
 ET. 54. since I had such a sail. Saw Greene in the afternoon, and
 chagrined him a little by declining to recognize a purchase
 of lumber he has made; having done it myself.

"*June 29th.* Left in the steamer St. Nicholas, for Lewes, getting there, and taking hack immediately, reached Milton about six. Called upon Mr. Hazzard, who took me home with him to tea and lodge. Talked on the subject of ore, and authorized him to purchase two thousand bushels.

"*June 30th.* Left with Mr. Hazzard, and went over the McLaughlin, Sharp & Donovan ore beds, where he is having ore raised for me. There seems considerable ore in the Donovan beds. From there went to the C—— tract, and, taking John Holston, we went round the property, seeing the corners as well as we could. Found much timber of good quality. Went to Georgetown to dine.

"*July 2d, Ocean House, at Lewes.* After a gust last night rose early, and took a bath in the sea-water, which was very agreeable. Left in the St. Nicholas at six, and had a pleasant but slow run to the city. Found several business letters awaiting me; also one from Dr. Wood, from Geneva, Switzerland. Answered several, and saw some of the workmen from Millville.

"*July 3d.* Left in the seven o'clock train for the farm, meeting my wife with the carriage. Country very dry, but not so much parched as I feared, the pasture being short but sufficient. Wandered over the farm; satisfied with the work done.

"*July 4th.* Gave instructions to workmen, who began to cut the wheat. Had the garden put in order, and planted some white potatoes, notwithstanding the lateness of the season. Returned to city with wife in the West Chester cars, and saw J. N. Law and L. T. Watson in relation to the sale of the Hopewell lands.

"*July 7th.* Left in the Millville stage, with a very full

load, having pleasant ride to Malaga; but below, quite the contrary. Went up to the Union, and find the frame of the head-gates nearly completed; the waste-gates advanced so as to place them to-morrow. The whole canal dry, and Greene pushing the foundation of the cotton-mill. 1853.
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"*July 9th.* Saw all the gentlemen, before leaving, who are interested with me in business. Had a talk with F. Mulford about a site and power for a saw-mill below the grist-mill. Extremely warm ride, with full stage, to Camden. Went to see Dr. Ott and DeHaven; the lumber not ready. On reaching home found an affectionate letter from wife.

"*July 10th.* Left, in the fast train, for the farm. My wife, children, and carriage were waiting for me; we drove to John Todd's, who paid for some cattle.

"*July 11th.* Left after five for the city, reached it in time for bank; discounted pretty freely. Went to Schuylkill Navigation Company board, and made dividend. In afternoon walked up to see schooner; found her nearly ready for sailing. Worked most of the remainder of the day in the counting-room.

"*July 13th.* Stopped to see Kelton, to talk with him about the Cornwall ore; he represents the fine ore as yielding fifty per cent. Received letter from son R. from Springfield, Ill. Called upon Dr. Pepper, in reference to our little Julia.

"*July 14th.* Went to see Captain Thomas, to urge him to get the L. H. Corbet ready to sail on Saturday next; he promised to do so if possible. At bank reading the notes; did most that were offered. Ambrose Pancoast proposed his cutting and coaling a tract of wood for the furnace. In the afternoon, left for the farm in the Parkesburg train, and met wife at Walkertown.

"*July 15th.* Went into the woods with Hartman to see the timber he had prepared for the cotton-mill, and afterwards to see S. Feltus about hiring a pair of timber wheels. Worked in the field, cutting up thistles, etc. Nearly finished the hay crop, which is quite as good as I have heretofore

1853. had. In the afternoon, took my wife over to Kirk's Station, and arranged for meeting her there on First day morning.

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"*July 16th.* Rose early, and, with daughters Mary and Carrie, went up the Yellow Springs Road, and round the church, home, having had a pleasant ride. Edward Farley covered the spring with stone, and has an unpleasant suspicion of a shoemaker's son taking the wire covering at the end of the pipe.

"*July 17th.* Left for Westtown, taking daughter Carrie. At Kirk's met wife, who had been to the city, son Richard, who has just returned from a Western tour, and son Edward, from Haverford. We got to Westtown in time for meeting. Dined, and returning, I was left, at the cars, with Eddie; he stopping at Haverford, I going to the city.

"*July 18th.* At Schuylkill Navigation board; but little business transacted. Affairs of the company continue to improve. Busy in my counting-room, writing letters to various correspondents of my own and those of my firm's. Intelligence of some lost bank-notes, which disappeared March 13th, being in the general post-office in Washington.

"*July 21st.* Occupied by numerous calls from persons who have claims for the two vessels I have just bought. At bank; discounted freely. Had report from my son of the business portion of his Western tour, in which he has done quite as well as I expected. Went out to the farm in the Parkesburg train, being taken up, during my walk, by my wife and daughters, coming from West Chester.

"*July 22d.* Spent the day in looking round the farm and pulling up weeds. Found the pasture lessening from the dry weather, and the supply needed for twenty-eight head of various-sized cattle and eight horses and colts. Wife left in carriage for the city, taking daughter Julia, who continues to cough and wheeze very much. I went to mill, taking Carrie.

"*July 23d.* From raking oats, went to cradling, having got a little more than half the field No. 3 in. Being out a

good deal in the sun, and taking too much exercise for my strength, I had a slight fever to-night.

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"*July 24th.* Afternoon, left for [city] home. Found mother waiting for the cars; rode down with her, and went to her son Edward's, whose child Edward is at the point of death. Wife and daughter Julia pretty well.

"*July 26th.* Rose early; wife and daughter Julia intending to go to farm, I to Millville. The stage had about twenty persons, half being children. Had a rainy ride; very hard, and without cessation. Saw the progress of the work, which has been slow at the cotton-mill and furnace. The canal work in pretty fair condition.

"*Aug. 4th.* Came out in the cars; wife met me, and we had a pleasant ride to the farm. Rambled about, pulling up weeds and trimming trees, until I felt very tired.

"*Aug. 15th.* Left farm, with brother Charles and son Eddy, after an early breakfast, and reached the cars from Parkesburg. Left E. at Haverford. At bank just in time for discount; application large and discount little. Money in demand.

"*Aug. 16th.* Left for Millville in the stage. Found the furnace running, and made her first bed of pigs soon after I reached there, with a prospect of doing well. Greene's work in much confusion, not being well supplied with materials, and the heavy rain having washed the sand in his diggings.

"*Aug. 18th.* Had conversation with W. Grew about the floor for the cotton-mill, and decided to make the first floor of heart pine. Handed Mr. Greene some money, and gave him a hint that I thought him too expensive. Left in the stage; reached the city after three. Found letters, and answered them. Much business doing.

"*Aug. 19th.* At nine o'clock went to Burlington, and had conversation with T. Dugdale & Son, in regard to lumber bought of them. After dinner, having had intelligence from the furnace, rode up to see J. P. Morris & Co., who promised

1853. to send a man down to help us get matters put right. Called
 Et. 54. upon Juliana F., who returned from a visit to my farm, and speaks of being gratified.

"*Aug. 22d.* Left the farm about six. Went to bank; found money extremely scarce, and the board indisposed for much discounting. Almost a feeling of panic in the money market. John McNeal came up from the furnace to know what was to be done in the state of difficulty.

"*Aug. 23d.* Steamer Arabia brings intelligence of the acceptance by Russia of terms proposed by England and France. Strong indications that the money market will be improved, and the banks cease their curtailment. Deaths reported in New Orleans in one day to be two hundred and ninety-five, chiefly by yellow fever,—a number greater than any previously known.

"*Aug. 29th.* Demand for money large; discounts moderate, but with the appearance of an easier money market. Wife busily engaged in putting up peaches for winter, fruit being extremely plenty. Quite a bright comet, with a long tail, in the west, visible before eight o'clock, and setting about that hour. Nathaniel Randolph somewhat better of his bronchial affection, but voice not returned.

"*Sept. 4th.* This morning a beautiful prayer by Regina Shober. After tea, went with wife through Dr. Wood's garden, which looks in excellent condition. Son Richard read a sermon, by Chalmers, in the evening.

"*Sept. 5th.* At bank, and, as it showed more strength, proposed that we should not continue to curtail our discounts. S. W. Jones objected, but the general sentiment was in favor of the liberal course. Dined early, and left with wife, in carriage, for the farm.

"*Sept. 7th.* Returned, yesterday, to the city, and this morning left home for Millville, in the stage; and, although the weather was warm, the ride was pleasant. On the way met W. D. Kemble, coming up to see me about some wheat,

which had arrived for us in a damaged state. Asked him to go back. Reached Millville about three, and found furnace working well; but that small progress had been made at cotton-mill.

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"*Sept. 9th.* After talking with several persons who are at the head of my interests at the place, left, in the stage, for the city, and had rather a dangerous ride, from a restive horse. Sister H., daughters Carrie and Julia, sons Wally and Stuart came in from farm, leaving wife and son Randolph.

"*Sept. 11th.* The family were up and in time for breakfast before six; when we read, and I left, in the carriage, for the farm. Had pleasant ride; engaged in reading religious papers most of the way out; arrived at half-past eleven o'clock. Went with Hugh Sharp to Stitler, and engaged to get rails.

"*Sept. 14th.* Wife and son Randolph returned from the farm, being the last of the family from our summer residence. It has been a short summer to me, and the passing seasons and days indicate, most clearly, how soon I am to pass away. Eddy returned to school.

"*Sept. 16th.* Filled up the day at the counting-room, writing letters to the various correspondents of my three firms. The very different kind of business of each concern requires more knowledge of details than I can well remember. Much sensual satisfaction in the enjoyment of a large crop of very fine peaches at low prices.

"*Sept. 24th.* Rode to see Crosky before breakfast. Afterwards, incessantly and anxiously employed in counting-room with my various concerns. That of the furnace the most harassing, owing to the fear of a want of ore, to keep her in action for a full blast. Letters received from Dr. Wood, from Paris, stating that he had taken passage for the twenty-first inst. in the Baltic.

"*Sept. 25th.* Sermon, this morning, by J. Chandler, who is one of the delegation of the English Yearly Meeting to visit the general government and the governors of the different

1853. States on the subject of slavery,—a benevolent mission, the fruit of which may appear in the distant future.

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"*Sept. 26th.* At bank, money being easier. Called upon D. Reeves, in relation to ore, and find it rather difficult to obtain. Fear I shall have a very short supply for the furnace.

"*Sept. 28th.* Left with wife, sons Richard and Eddy, for Millville; crossed at the Red Bank Ferry. Took down my bay mare, Fabian, which was ridden alternately by the three, to Malaga, where I left on her and rode to Lawrence Souder's, and across the horse bridge, taking that road, and reaching Millville very soon after the carriage.

"*Sept. 29th.* Went in carriage with sons to see the progress of the canal, and found Molloy, the digger, doing pretty well. Examined the progress of the work at the cotton-mill, and houses that are building for it. In the afternoon saw the lots sold to Sharp and Hughes, and in the evening made the deeds for them. Furnace running very well, but iron not fit for pipe.

"*Oct. 1st.* With all the party left for home; crossed at Gloucester, reaching the city about two, and found the family well. Daughter Carrie gone with her uncle Charles and family to New York to meet their uncle doctor, on his return from Europe.

"*Oct. 4th.* Went to Walnut Street wharf to meet Dr. Wood and party,—he having been over more than half of Europe during the last six months. Himself and wife to tea, and spent the evening, giving us an account of their journey. Doctor in good health.

"*Oct. 5th.* Being engaged in business at meeting-time, I quite forgot my duty on that point. How very much more I am impressed with the cares of the present than the hopes of the future! May God, in mercy, lead me to fear and love Him more. Busy in inquiring for vessels to carry freight to Millville.

"Oct. 6th. Our son Eddy had a chill and some fever,—so unwell that Dr. Wood was called in, and prescribed for him, and for our daughter Julia, whose lungs have been affected for some time. 1853.
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"Oct. 7th. Son Eddy apparently pretty well this morning. Dined at twelve, and left in the carriage, with wife and sons George and Randolph, for the farm, having a very pleasant ride, and getting there in about five hours. Found country very dry, and pasture beginning to fail.

"Oct. 10th. On coming home to dinner found a most magnificent present of grapes, from D. S. Brown, which I thanked him for in a note. Busy with various parties in the counting-room in the afternoon.

"Oct. 11th. Election-day, and made somewhat more interesting than usual from the number of tickets running, arising from local causes, the chief of which is consolidation of the city and districts, and the formation of a paid fire department.

"Oct. 31st. Rode with wife to see a captain of a canal-boat to carry ore. In the afternoon at bank, assisting to revivify its assets previous to paying dividend, and worked until tea-time without finishing. The intelligence from England wears a most decidedly warlike appearance.

"Nov. 1st. Finished examination of the Philadelphia Bank. Attended meeting of the North America Insurance Company, and of the Allentown Iron Company. Drove with wife up to James Rowland's, to see him about the purchase of scrap-iron, which I propose sending him a sample of. Settled with W. A. Hazzard. Took tea at brother Charles's with wife and son George. Babe not well.

"Nov. 3d. At bank; large offering and much demand for money. Street rates continue high. Was appointed on the dividend committee. Dined at one, and left, in the cars, for Columbia, for the purpose of purchasing ore to supply Millville Furnace.

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ÆT. 54. "Nov. 4th. Rose early, and went to the river to see some ore, sent for me by the Chestnut Hill Company; think it good. Saw some boatmen. After breakfast, rode up to Marietta, and saw Mr. Hall, clerk of Schonberger, thence to the C. H. ore bank, thence to Columbia, and saw Mr. Knotwell, the foreman of the C. H. Company, and with him made inquiry as to shipments, which he promised to get for me. Came home in the evening, and found party of young ladies.

"Nov. 5th. Met committee on dividends at Philadelphia Bank; the committee decided to recommend five per cent. I proposed seven, as the bank had the money; but was the only one in favor of it. Rode to the Schuylkill, and engaged Captain Patterson to bring me a load of ore from Spring Mill.

"Nov. 12th. Walter, our little son, has a fever. Daughter Julia continues to cough distressingly. In the evening went to Wistar-party of Governor Edward Coles, and found a full house. Conversed with W. Platt, Mr. Snowdon, J. R. Tyson, E. Wilcox, Dr. Wistar, and others.

"Nov. 19th. In the afternoon went to Philadelphia Bank, and discounted freely, considering the amount of our income. It was novel to meet without S. W. Jones, who resigned at our last meeting. Concluded to send my son Richard on an expedition through Pennsylvania and Ohio looking after old and new customers.

"Nov. 24th. Thanksgiving-day. After attending to business in the counting-room till after two o'clock, left for home to have a family dinner of my brothers and sisters, who all assembled except Horatio, who came in the evening.

"Nov. 26th. Occupied all the morning in the counting-room. At two, drove with wife. Son R. went to Haverford to bid his brother good-bye previous to his departure for the West. Money remains scarce; having large engagements to pay, gives me much anxiety as to the means. Will do the best I can, and trust in Providence.

"*Nov. 30th.* At ten o'clock went to the sale of Davis's house, S. W. corner of Broad and Poplar Streets, by M. Thomas & Son ; it was knocked down, after a short bidding, for fifty thousand dollars. 1853.
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"*Dec. 8th, Millville.* Spent considerable part of the day in examining the books of R. D. Wood & Co. and those of Kemble & Co., and saw nothing to find fault with. The progress of the foundry and furnace seems to be very fair, and, I trust, they are doing well. The foundation-walls of the mill nearly up.

"*Dec. 20th.* Wife went to funeral of an old friend of ours, Margaret Sheppard, of Vine Street. My brother Charles spent about an hour with me in the evening, at my request, to talk over the affairs of the Cambria Iron Company, in which I am interested.

"*Dec. 21st.* Was called upon by Mr. King on behalf of the Cambria Iron Company, who are in a corner as to funds. Very much engaged in the counting-room in answering letters, and conversing with parties on business. Daughter Julia very hoarse, and keeps us anxious.

"*Dec. 22d.* Called upon S. and W. Welsh in behalf of the Cambria Iron Company, to induce them to take hold of the financial part of the business. After tea went to Israel Morris's, where wife had been spending the evening with a small party. Called upon H. Crosky in relation to the timber purchased of him.

"*Dec. 31st.* The termination of the year naturally leads to reflection as to how it has been spent, and the question occurs, Has the time been improved by me as it should? Do I love the things of this life any less as its time shortens? Am I fitter for eternity than when the year began? Lord, thou alone knowest!

1854. "Jan. 1st. Walked after meeting, with wife, to pay a visit
 .ET. 54. to our mother, who has lately removed to the city.

"Jan. 2d. To-day was observed as a New-Year holiday; took dinner with wife, brothers and sisters, at the usual family gathering.

"Jan. 4th. Went to the North America Insurance Company to meet the dividend committee, who recommended six per cent. to be divided for the last six months' earnings. Talked with G. S. King about getting subscriptions to the Cambria Iron Company.

"Jan. 6th. Called upon Henry M. Watts, Dr. Schonberger, J. Edgar Thomson, and David Reeves, about the affairs of the Cambria Iron Company, the settlement of which is becoming very critical; went with Dr. Schonberger to see S. and W. Welsh on the subject of accepting the drafts of the Cambria. They declined.

"Jan. 17th. Left with wife for Millville; it was raining, and continued to do so most of the day; our son Randolph accompanied us. Dined at Franklinville, and reached our destination before dark; walked up the canal to duck-pond, and found Molloy's men had been at work on canal.

"Jan. 19th. A long talk with Molloy, and contracted with him to cut drain near the saw-mill, to raise the bank from the duck-pond to the gates, and above, and the bank on the west of the canal, north of the saw-mill, for one hundred and ten dollars. Nearly completed raising the dam.

"Jan. 20th. Left for home, with an excessively bad road. Dined at Franklinville, and, after a dreary ride, the tire of a wheel came off, which kept us until dark before we reached the ferry at Camden.

"*Jan. 22d.* Came, with wife, to New York, yesterday, stopping at the Clarendon Hotel. 1854.

"*Jan. 23d.* Took wife down to the Park, and having finished my business with the Croton Aqueduct board, took her up to the Crystal Palace, leaving her for the day. Called upon several parties with whom I had business. Saw Mr. Nichol, of the Brooklyn Gas, then up to the Palace, and, leaving wife on her way to boarding-house, I went to Bridgeport. ÆT. 54.

"*Jan. 24th.* Rose early; went to barber, and thence to see Messrs. Harral and Calhoun, of the Bridgeport Gas Company. Received dividend. Returned to New York, took wife, stopped at Jersey City and Newark, and reached home about ten.

"*Jan. 25th.* After reading letters, went to meeting, from thence to bank, and then to the Cambria Iron Company board, which was organized by making N. Newkirk president, and H. M. Watts secretary. In the evening, went to J. P. Hutchinson's party, and, after spending about two hours there, went to Isaac Starr's for my daughter Mary.

"*Jan. 26th.* At bank; pretty large demand for money, pretty well met. Received certificate of Allentown Railroad. In the evening my daughters had quite a large party, which passed off pleasantly. Our little Julia some fever and continued cough.

"*Jan. 27th.* Spent most of the day in counting-room, writing a narrative of our lead transactions with A. C. Davis, of Galena, who is seeking to get rid of his debt to us.

"*Feb. 6th.* At bank. Met board at Schuylkill Navigation Company's office. Made dividend of four per cent. on preferred stock. After dark, went to sheriff's sale; and from there to the rooms of the Board of Trade, and was appointed chairman of the meeting of the association; the meeting a useful one.

"*Feb. 10th.* Our little Julia not quite so well as for several

1854. days past. In the evening, daughter Carrie had a little party of her school friends, making a pleasant company. A.T. 54. Dr. Elwyn came for his daughter. I had a talk with him of family matters.

"*Feb. 21st.* My son Richard arrived a few days ago from his Western trip. This morning the heaviest snow-storm for years, lasting about twenty-four hours, and about one foot deep,—the general impression that no such storm has been known since 1831,—the streets, after clearing the sidewalks, are five feet high in many places. My little children, although three of them are not well, enjoyed the fine snow very much.

"*Feb. 24th.* Much occupied with our claim against A. C. Davis. Paid for five thousand dollars Cambria bonds; wrote yesterday an article of agreement for R. D. Wood & Co.

"*Feb. 28th.* Breakfasted before my family, and left for the farm. Walked over from Oaklands, and found things pretty well, stock looking in good condition; the snow was frozen sufficiently to walk on. Walked back, took the Valley car, and reached home in time to go with family to brother Horatio's to tea.

"*March 6th.* Left with wife for the farm, and found things prepared for the vendue. Mr. Massey, to whom I have rented the farm, came, and we had some conversation about the place. Vendue crowded about one, and was ended about six, selling everything appertaining to the farm, amounting to about twenty-two hundred dollars, stock and produce.

"*March 9th.* Our little Wally on the sofa, with slight fever, all day; Julia seems almost well of a cough, which she has had for more than six months. I have been very uncomfortable with headache and disordered stomach.

"*March 10th.* Invited to an excursion on the Delaware by the Board of Trade, but did not go. The governor and legislative bodies came from Harrisburg in time to do so.

In the evening had a little party of my wife's family. Went with wife and two sons to see the Siamese twins, and other curiosities. 1854.
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"March 13th. Called upon by M. Newkirk to meet the Cambria Company this evening; and did so; all the directors being present. Continued in session till eleven o'clock. Little daughter rode out for the first time for many months.

"March 14th. C. J. Allen gone to Millville to see about starting the furnace. Daughter Carrie and son Richard at tea-party at Robert Howell's. Went for sister Hannah to M. A. Lloyd's, and wife and self spent the early part of the evening at S. W. Jones's.

"March 23d. At bank; large demand for money; discounted freely. Read the bill prepared by Campbell, against A. C. Davis, to Yarrow & Abbott, who seem satisfied with it.

"March 28th. Left home before breakfast, and met Mr. Phelps, from Hartford, who took the stage with me to Millville. Went immediately into the furnace, and examined the plan for the Allen wheel, which Phelps came to put up. He thinks the wheel will answer.

"April 4th. Attended meeting of the Allentown Iron Company; also of the North America Insurance Company. Called upon M. Newkirk on the subject of the Cambria, and, at his request, met George Trotter there, to confer with Dr. Schonberger. Had a long talk with him, which resulted in nothing. Accompanied wife, daughters Mary and Carrie, and sons Richard and George to Dr. Morris's in the evening.

"April 6th. After tea, met Cambria Iron Company, and, after a long sitting, passed a resolution to sell the stock of the company at five dollars per share; par value, twelve dollars and fifty cents.

"April 7th. Had conference with M. Newkirk on the sub-

1854. ject of the Cambria Iron Company, and gave him some
reason to think that I would subscribe thirty thousand dol-
lars. Saw president of Philadelphia Bank, and arranged with
him for the continuance of our loan of thirty thousand dol-
lars. Went with wife, sister Caroline, and two daughters to
G. R. Justice's party.

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"*April 8th.* Left for the farm; went over it with Mr. Massey, and found the woman in the house very nice and obliging. Returned to Oaklands in time for the down train to dinner, it being the first time I had ever accomplished so much. Called in the evening upon M. Newkirk in relation to the new subscription to the Cambria Company.

"*April 11th.* Left in the cars for Chicago, taking Eddie; M. Newkirk, H. M. Watts, and Edward H. Trotter compose the party as far as Johnstown, where they expect to stop to examine the condition of the iron-works. Had a pleasant day's ride, reaching our destination [Johnstown] about eight o'clock; found Judge Risnor there.

"*April 12th.* Walked round the town; saw the mill and the furnaces in their incipient state, and the manner of digging and getting the ore, which costs but little, but is not very rich. The coal seems to be plenty. Left at eleven; got to Pittsburg at three; talked with General Robinson, and reached Alliance to lodge.

"*April 13th.* Left Alliance for Cleveland, passing a fine, rich country. I saw V. Kimball, of Canton, and talked to him of his ill treatment of my firm. Dined at Cleveland; left in the cars for Chicago at four, and reached that city about eight next morning, having had a dreary ride; country mostly uncultivated.

"*April 14th.* Stopped at the Fremont House. Called upon Arnold, Larned & Tays, and read the bill of Davis, and the narrative; left with them all the papers on the subject of the suit with Davis. Called upon J. K. Burtis, of the gas company, to talk about pipe.

"*April 16th.* To St. James's Church, occupying the pew

of Mr. Arnold; sermon good, but not striking. Strolled along the lake, and saw the best part of the private residences of the city. In the evening was introduced to Colonel Montgomery, who is on his way to a military post in Nebraska. 1854.
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"*April 17th.* Disappointed in not finding E. R. Hooper, from Galena, and have spent the day uncomfortably on that account. Telegraphed to Galena. Wrote to wife, and rambled over the city, which is spreading in all directions. Read its history; it is less than twenty-one years old. Mr. Hooper arrived about nine, and I had conversation with him on the subject of Davis, etc.

"*June 7th.* Called on M. Newkirk, as president of Cambria Iron Company, and found him in bad spirits, on account of a large payment, for which he had insufficient funds. The result of the election, yesterday, was most gratifying to the Whigs; but the friends of Mr. Yarrow have to regret his failure by a few votes.

"*June 10th.* Went on board the steamboat Captain Crowell, and ran down to Alloway Creek, to take some rafts that the captain had left there a day or two before. After examining them, I thought it unfit to take them, and turned round; but the wind falling, and the captain being willing, trusting to a protecting Providence, left with two of them.

"*June 11th.* The rafts ran very well until we passed Ben. Davis's, where we anchored for an ebb-tide. Started before eleven, and went on for some time well; but a wind rose, and there seemed danger of losing them. Grounded at Egg Island Inlet, with heavy swell, and after the flood-tide, started again for mouth of Maurice River; encountered heavy swell, and but for what I felt to be a providential aid, should have lost the rafts. May I be benefited by so signal an interposition.

"*June 12th.* After an uncomfortable night, owing to fatigue and bad lodging, rose with a feeling of the gratitude that I owe

1854. to my Creator for the blessing of yesterday. Left early in
 Er. 55. the morning, and ran up the river to Mauricetown. Hired conveyance, and brought captain to Millville. Greene went down with him and took charge of the rafts, which were in a most wrecked condition. Found considerable progress had been made in cotton-mill; but that Phelps was detaining the foundries.

"*June 18th.* This day has not been spent with the satisfaction to myself that I could wish. Ease and self-indulgence yield no comfort in the retrospect.

"*June 21st.* R. D. Greene and Holt came up. Had rather an excited conversation with the former about his confident opinions of his own infallibility. Their visit is for the purpose of purchasing goods. At Dr. Schonberger's funeral.

"*July 4th.* Much noise in the morning and during the night, by parties celebrating the anniversary of the nation's birth. Left for Millville, and had not an unpleasant day's ride, making allowance for the weather. Found almost all the workmen had left to celebrate.

"*July 7th.* An old friend and associate in the Philadelphia Bank died this morning, of an apoplectic attack. Few men of so extended business and wealth as William Worrell have had fewer enemies. His course was quiet and conscientious.

"*July 15th.* Cholera throughout the United States, and very fatal at Chicago, St. Louis, and other points. Son Eddy came from Haverford, had his tooth plugged, and left with me after dinner for the farm, which we reached about sunset.

"*July 17th.* Left with Mary Naronha for the West Chester cars, taking the Yarnall girls and daughter Mary, who returned to farm; M. N. came with me. Arrived in the city at nine. Went to bank, and found large applications for money. Our son Eddy we left at Haverford in passing.

"*July 22d.* Warm day. Although the thermometer does not stand much lower than in the city, I find the temperature much more pleasant, and to be borne with equanimity.

Spent the morning in looking round the farm, and pulling up weeds of various kinds. 1854.

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"*July 26th.* The tenant has nearly all his oats cut and exposed to the weather. Before two o'clock, Dr. Wood, wife, and sister arrived at the farm, with team pretty well jaded. Spent part of the day in pulling up weeds.

"*Aug. 1st.* Took the cars for Johnstown with son George; had a good run, and reached Altoona at half-past six. Stopped there for the night. Looked at the workshops.

"*Aug. 2d.* Walked about the buildings of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and as this is the point of their machine-shops, found them very extensive. Left at nine, and had a pleasant run through the mountains to Johnstown. Found Messrs. Newkirk and Reeves, and walked with Mr. Perry to examine the four new furnaces, which are nearly complete. In the afternoon looked at the books of the concern, and found the whole expenditure to be near one million and ninety thousand dollars.

"*Aug. 3d.* Went to the rolling-mill machine-shops, and examined the books at the office, saw a few rails made at the mill, and then left on horse, with J. Andrews, for Mill Creek and Bird's Creek Furnaces. Examined, in a short time, the two furnaces and their books, and returned to Johnstown.

"*Aug. 5th.* Left Johnstown about one in the morning with son George, and had a pleasant ride to Oaklands, where I found my wife and children. In the evening our son Richard came out from the city. It was pleasant to return to the family after our visit to Johnstown.

"*Aug. 7th.* At bank, and, in the absence of the president, filled his seat; applications large and discounts small. In the evening called, with Mr. Macmanus, upon Mr. Chandler, to obtain a letter to the President of the United States, to get the appointment of consul to Chihuahua.

"*Aug. 10th.* Wife, her sister Mary, and brother Nat. left

1854. this morning for Absecom, to return in the evening. At
 Et. 55. bank; demand large, as usual, for money. President being
 absent, I presided. Received letter from Dr. Wood, and re-
 plied at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

"*Aug. 12th.* Mr. Bancroft called upon me, and, after stating that he had been at Millville, urged the propriety of employing his firm to do the shafting of the mill erecting there; his statements had some plausibility. Went by the Valley Road to the farm.

"*Aug. 15th.* Had an interview with D. C. Wood on the subject of lot claimed by Joshua Brick, who gave David a deed for it. There is no doubt of the conveyance having been made, but probably unintentionally. Went to see propeller belonging to Captain Loper.

"*Aug. 18th.* Interview with Joshua Brick yesterday about a lot he claims, and told him I would buy it, if I had not a deed already, if he would point it out, which, probably, he will find some difficulty in doing. Went with Molloy, Sharp, and McNeal to Union, to determine about placing a tumbling dam.

"*Aug. 20th.* One of the most quiet days of my life; alone, except the two servants. At meetings, and in the arm-chair, reading.

"*Aug. 23d.* Early breakfast, and, accompanied by wife and two sons, came to the Ship station, and took the cars for the city. In conversing with conductor, find the rest of the road improving. Called at insurance office, to insure load of wheat from New York, on board the John Adams, an old schooner.

"*Aug. 24th.* Smaller application, but the out-door demand continues. The vessel, named yesterday, arrived to-day, much to my satisfaction. L. T. Watson was with me, and proposed that Rough and Ready Furnace subscribe for the bond of the Broad Top Railroad; to which I assented as far as five thousand dollars.

"*Aug. 25th.* Mr. Nichols, of Summit Bridge, Delaware,

called upon me, and I employed him to purchase corn for me, at eighty cents. Called upon Alfred Worrell, to invite him to become a director of the Philadelphia Bank; to which he made very little objection,—considering it a compliment.

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"*Sept. 1st.* Signed, with M. Newkirk and G. Trotter, our names on the back of a note of the Cambria Iron Company, to raise money to send to Johnstown to pay for land. Wife came in from the farm to spend the day. Wrote to Dr. Wood, at Schooley's Mountain, that our children were going next week.

"*Sept. 5th.* Breakfasting about six, daughters Mary, Carrie, and son Richard left for Schooley's Mountain. Attended meeting of the North America Insurance Company, and saw the president and directors of the Allentown Iron Company. The insurance company's losses go beyond their earnings.

"*Sept. 7th.* Philadelphia Bank continues to discount its income. Met the Cambria board, and had considerable discussion, passing a resolution that I shall move be rescinded, on account of its illegality.

"*Sept. 8th.* Received telegraphic despatch from Schooley's Mountain that daughter Mary had a brain fever. I left in the one o'clock train for Newark; changed there for Hackettstown, and then by stage to the mountain.

"*Sept. 9th.* I left with daughters Mary and Carrie in the one o'clock train, and reached home before ten, finding wife returned from farm.

"*Sept. 17th.* Our daughter Mary decidedly better; both physicians concur in the great improvement. Have spent most of the day in her room; much satisfaction on that account.

"*Sept. 20th.* Went to meeting very late, and with a most undevotional spirit. May God in His mercy pardon my frailty. Son Eddy returned with horse from the farm. R.

1854. D. Greene returned from New England without shipping the
Et. 55. machinery, as he expected. Business remarkably light; not much more than one-half the goods sold usual at this season.

"Oct. 10th. Went to the polls and voted; then went to the New York cars. Saw Captain Shaw and several parties, with whom I had business. Called upon J. G. Clark, 327 West Street, and then got into the Hudson River Railroad cars; reached Poughkeepsie about seven, and called to see Captain S. B. Johnston.

"Oct. 12th. At bank; offering large. Found, upon my return last evening, a summons from the Pennsylvania Railroad to answer their claim to the bonds of the Cambria Iron Company that I hold for the Cambria and Piqua Railroad Company. The loss of the steamer Arctic, by collision, is felt in full force to-day.

"Oct. 14th. Finding a cold somewhat troublesome, my wife persuaded me to take a dose of salts and remain in bed; which I did for a short time. Drove down to store, and went to bank. In the afternoon to Schuylkill Navigation office. Medicine seems to have carried off the cold. I have still to confess a very great coldness and indifference to spiritual duties. Give me grace, O God, to serve thee more!

"Oct. 17th. Left the city after transacting business with various parties, taking daughter Mary in carriage and crossing at South Street. Had very pleasant and quiet ride; reaching Franklinville before dark, where we stayed to lodge.

"Oct. 18th. Called up early by landlady, and, after breakfast, set off for Millville; found fire prepared for us. Mary seemed comfortable and pleasant. Mill more than half roofed, and other matters progressing.

"Oct. 19th. Molloy fully engaged in making tunnel to canal, which he contracted to do for eight hundred dollars. Took Mary and showed her the whole establishment in a

hurried manner. Spent the afternoon among the different points at which work was going on.

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"Oct. 20th. Until near nine o'clock arranging with various persons who called upon me. I then left for Greenwich, stopping a short time in Bridgeton, where I saw David Potter on the subject of the West Jersey Railroad. Reached Greenwich to dine with sisters Caroline and Hannah. Saw uncle George a few minutes, and went to Salem.

"Oct. 21st. Left Salem, after an early breakfast, in the steamer Miantonomi, and reached the city about eleven. Very much occupied the remainder of the day in settling with various persons having claims.

"Oct. 22d. Samuel Bettle, Jr., preached in the morning upon the necessity of preparation for death. After meeting, walked with N. Randolph to see the improvements on Green Street, in which he has so large an interest. He dined with us, and Dr. Wood took tea.

"Oct. 30th. At seven o'clock went on the steamer, finding Dr. Lowber, Messrs. S. Welsh, J. P. Hutchinson, Joseph Cabot, J. W. Towne, Thomas Dunlap, and J. Hacker, all bound for the Allentown Iron Works. Reached Easton about twelve, Allentown before four. Went to look at the furnaces, which we found favorable.

"Oct. 31st. Spent the morning examining the condition of the furnaces, and the mode of working them. Their pumps I find in a cramped position. After dinner the whole company rode to a rock about five miles off, from which we saw most of the Saucon Valley, and a large part of the Lehigh.

"Nov. 1st. Walked over the grounds of the company. With Mr. Towne examined the pumps of furnace. Left with our whole party, starting from Easton at 4.30 P.M.; reached home before ten.

"Nov. 16th. At bank; a very large offering and small discount; sorry to disappoint the expectations of my friends.

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Et. 55. It is said to be the most difficult day to pay debts during the year. I felt it so myself, and paid a high price for five thousand dollars, the highest I have ever paid. Despatched Mr. Peabody to the West and far Southwest, to make collections.

"*Nov. 17th.* Constantly tight money market, one and a half per cent. being freely paid to-day. Received letter from son Richard, in Providence, announcing shipments of machinery, and replied. Some apprehension that there may be a run on the banks, although there are no symptoms of it yet.

"*Nov. 18th.* Occupied much of the morning in looking after the means to pay the obligations of my firm. No money to be borrowed in the ordinary way. The market price has become excessive, at least one and a half per cent. per month. Board of Philadelphia Bank met in the afternoon, and discounted moderately out of a pretty large receipt. The money pressure induces persons wishing it to talk of bank suspensions.

"*Nov. 20th.* At the election of the Philadelphia Bank, at which there was no contest. Took lunch at the bank in place of dinner, and sent word to wife that I would accompany her and children, at four o'clock, to the Franklin Institute exhibition, in Jayne's Building. They came, and we spent about three hours there. The exhibition was a very fair one, showing that many articles are now made in this country that were not formerly.

"*Nov. 21st.* Met at bank to elect a president, and to say to him that my concern wanted money to pay their accounts this week; which was not very pleasant intelligence for him. M. Newkirk and H. M. Watts both called in relation to Cambria Iron Company, on financial business.

"*Nov. 22d.* At bank; the discounts done on account of to-morrow being Thanksgiving. They were pretty freely made. In the afternoon went to see about the sale of lumber sent in by J. P. Hartman.

"*Nov. 24th.* Walked with Kemble up the canal, and found the banks in some places in danger. Pleased with the progress of the conduit to the flour-mill. The boarding-house, under the administration of Mrs. Holt, seems to do very well; the store doing a moderate business. Four schooners discharging. 1854.
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"*Nov. 25th.* Left in the stage with son Richard. He came from Providence yesterday. Having seen the shipment at that town, he felt disposed to see its arrival. Full coach, and considerable political discussion by several of the company. Wife saw her brother Nat., and had a free talk with him about his matrimonial prospects.

"*Nov. 27th.* At bank; handled the notes, but had to discriminate closely, to take care of our funds. Good deal of industry, and some anxiety in having funds to pay our debts. Much want of confidence produced by the suspension of Reeves, Buck & Co., and all parties disposed to hold their money for profitable investments, or to meet their own engagements.

"*Nov. 28th.* Left in the West Chester cars with daughter, and reached there in about two hours. Took Mary to Dr. Rivinus's, and then went to bank, and had a talk with the cashier about discount; which I found was not to be obtained. Saw Mr. Everhart.

"*Nov. 29th.* Kept from meeting by the state of our finances, which are most uncomfortable for the want of Western receipts. Spent the afternoon with the directors of the Cambria Iron Company, who have concluded to call the stockholders to consider the state of their affairs. Much surprise expressed on account of it.

"*Dec. 1st.* Called upon by George and Edward H. Trotter in relation to the Cambria Iron Company, and went to the office; its affairs are most perilous. Son Richard started again for Providence, this afternoon, to load machinery. Called with wife on H. A. Tyson, at Dr. Morris's.

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"*Dec. 7th.* Offering somewhat decreased, but yet large. Bank discounted its income. Spent most of the afternoon at the office of the Cambria Iron Company, to settle the question whether a second mortgage should be issued; which was agreed to. Philip C. Garrett called to say he would engage in my mill concern.

"*Dec. 13th.* Saw St. G. T. Campbell on A. C. Davis's business; M. Newkirk on the subject of issue of second mortgage bonds for Cambria Iron Company. Went to J. Pemberton Hutchinson's party, and spent a pleasant hour; thence to General Patterson's, and finished the evening. Both houses were well filled.

"*Dec. 14th.* At bank the offering continues large, and with no ability to expand. At the Cambria Iron Company board, and passed resolution to make a second mortgage. A good deal occupied with the business at Millville. Uncle George Bacon, of Greenwich, Dr. Wood and wife, and Lizzie Wells to tea.

"*Dec. 16th.* At Cambria office, where I saw Bell, of the firm of Bell, Jack & Co., of Johnstown. He wants to make some negotiation to handle some of the State money. The difficulties of the Cambria Company are so many that I almost feel like deserting it, notwithstanding its natural advantages.

"*Dec. 19th.* Left in the stage for Millville; looked round the premises, and found that the cotton-mill had made considerable progress. Furnace working pretty well.

"*Dec. 21st.* I slept badly from the extreme cold. Most of the day spent in endeavoring to settle with T. R. White, who persists in denying his contract-price, with Mr. Greene, for doing the mason-work of the mill. Agreed in the evening to accept his drafts for the laborers. Sharp, Greene, and myself have, with the aid of the Whites, measured the walls and mason-work done by them; find the total near seven thousand perches.

"*Dec. 22d.* Reached the city about one. The Delaware

full of floating ice, and one sloop frozen up in the Schuylkill. Called upon St. George T. Campbell about the suit of A. C. Davis, which is in a precarious condition. 1854.
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"*Dec. 25th.* In the evening had a large party of young men to celebrate the birthday of our son Richard. The company seemed to enjoy themselves, and we hope that R. may prove to be the man we wish. He has energy and ambition and a disposition to investigate.

"*Dec. 26th.* Had some talk with Cabot about the Allentown Iron Company. Met the North America Insurance Company, and afterward a committee of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, who want to devise means to pay their interest. Talked with St. George T. Campbell about our suit with Davis, which has been most wretchedly managed by our counsel at Galena. Compelled to negotiate loan to meet engagements for next week at eighteen per cent. per annum. A very severe rate.

"*Dec. 30th.* At bank, where the discounts were pretty freely made. The indications are more favorable to an easy money market. At the Schuylkill Navigation Company to hear the annual report, before it is addressed to the stockholders. In the evening to hear lecture, by the celebrated T. H. Benton, on the Pacific Railroad.

1855. *Jan. 1st.* Talked with Mr. Painter about the station for a telegraph at Millville, and agreed to give him an answer. Dined as usual at Dr. Wood's family New-Year party.

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Jan. 2d. Met the Cambria Iron Company: Mr. Welsh suggested that they would prefer giving up the agency of the furnaces, but I fancy a little coaxing will change his mind. Had a talk with John Brock on the subject of his becoming a director of the company.

Jan. 6th. Went among the grain-dealers and find wheat very dear. Spent some time at the office of Insurance Company of North America, and decided to make no dividend on account of great losses sustained. Talked with Robins, president of Philadelphia Bank, about the re-charter. Sister Caroline to dine; doctor and Hannah to spend the evening. Price of iron remarkably unsteady,—has suddenly fallen almost fifty per cent., and what a twelvemonth ago promised to make people rich now threatens poverty.

Jan. 20th. In the afternoon at the Cambria Iron Company's office, at a meeting of the creditors, who passed resolution to take second mortgage loans for their claim. Had a small party, of brothers and sisters, making a very agreeable evening.

Jan. 21st. Nat. Randolph dined with us, and I had a serious conversation with him about his notions of meeting his contracts. After dinner left, with wife and sons Randolph and Walter, for Haverford, having heard that Eddy was sick. The ride was damp, but we had the pleasure of finding our son pretty well.

Jan. 23d. Attended a meeting of the Cambria Iron Company, to endeavor to remedy the difficulty the company has

got into at Johnstown. After dinner had an earnest conversation with E. T. Randolph on the subject of his monetary concerns, as connected with Parry & Randolph. The intended improvements on Green Street have involved them uncomfortably. 1855.
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"*Jan. 24th.* About nine o'clock went to Richmond to look after Captain Shaw, and the schooner L. H. Corbet. He had deserted, after purchasing provisions for his crew. Went in search of him in a tavern and found him quite drunk. Persuaded him to go to his vessel. He again left, and again came back. I hope he is now off. Spent some hours in the Cambria office.

"*Jan. 25th.* Discounted freely. Specie has accumulated in vaults of bank. Met board of Allentown Iron Company, and, after examination of accounts, agree to divide twenty-six per cent.,—twenty of it in stock, six in cash.

"*Jan. 27th.* Telegraphic despatch from Millville,—the first paid one. Engaged during the day with our suit with A. C. Davis, in getting off the answer to his bill in the chancery court of Illinois; also with the affairs of the Cambria Iron Company, inducing the creditors to take for their claims second mortgage bonds, holding a meeting at the house of George Trotter for that purpose.

"*Feb. 1st.* At bank; discounting pretty freely. Called upon Scull & Thompson in behalf of the Cambria Iron Company; found them rather kindly disposed. Solicited by L. T. Watson for subscription to the bonds of the Broad Top Railroad, but declined for the present. C. J. Allen went to New York to propose for Croton water-pipe. Daughter Mary to party at William Maule's, and wife to see her aunt Julianna.

"*Feb. 3d.* Went to meeting of the Cambria Iron Company, and organized the board, making M. Newkirk president, and J. T. Killin treasurer. Rather a stormy time with some of the board. In the evening, Wistar-party at Dr.

1855. Wood's, taking son Richard, who for the first time was invited. Spent the evening pleasantly,—a large number of our best citizens there.

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Feb. 15th. Called upon M. Newkirk. Begin to feel that the Cambria concern is in great danger of falling to pieces. Spent the evening at brother Charles's in company with brothers and sisters. It was quite a feast of good things.

March 1st. Left at one for Harrisburg, and reached there at half-past five. After taking rooms at Hews's, went to the capitol, and had a talk with Senator Price about the Philadelphia Bank and renewal of its charter. In the evening supped with Rundle Smith, and talked with legislators.

March 3d. After reading letters received in my absence, went to bank, and made a report of the visit to Harrisburg to Mr. Robins, the president. Called at Cambria office; had a short talk with George Trotter on the business of the company. Called to see E. K. Price; told him the result of my interview with the governor yesterday. Daughter Julia better.

March 5th. At bank; discounts freely made. Made a verbal report of my visit to Harrisburg, which was satisfactorily received. Attended Schuylkill Navigation Company board, at which the toll of eighty cents was fixed as the opening rate for the spring. Called upon by Mr. Campbell, to object to Board of Trade asking legislature to interfere with Erie.

March 6th. Spent much of the day in the Cambria Iron Company's office. The company, I think, begin to see a little daylight, but are yet under a heavy cloud. Met the Insurance Company of North America, also the Allentown Iron Company, both of which are in a comfortable financial condition. Wrote to son Eddie. In the evening went for wife and sister Caroline to Rev. Dr. Mayer's. Daughter Mary and son Richard at F. Fraley's.

March 17th. Some doubt of the reported death of the Czar of Russia, though generally believed. In the afternoon went to Camden to see A. Browning, in relation to a claim

made upon me for the use of Babbitt's patent box; he advised me not to pay, and thought the claim doubtful. In the evening at W. M. Meredith's Wistar-party, which was large, the great majority being of the legal profession.

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"*March 27th.* Reached Harrisburg about eleven, and went at once to bed. After breakfast, talked with several members of the legislature. Went to the banks to get a loan, but did not succeed. Called upon canal company, who manifested a disposition to oblige. Left at five for Johnstown, reaching there about eleven.

"*March 28th.* Very snowy, which offered an impediment to business; but we had Anderson, Ferre, and Fritz to visit us, and had their different explanations as to the state of business. Left, in cars, at 4.30, riding all night.

"*March 31st.* Have written to several members of the legislature relative to the charter of Philadelphia Bank. Had evidence of the ease in the money market,—a party coming to loan large sums at six per cent. Made sales of Schuylkill Navigation, preferred, at thirty-two and a half on time. L. T. Watson made me an offer of four thousand dollars in Broad Top bonds for my interest in Rough and Ready Furnace, he paying all the debts; which I accepted. I find a great deficiency in Western payments.

"*April 1st.* At meeting Wm. Evans preached a long sermon of most orthodox character. Read, to-day, a criticism on two works,—The Eclipse of Faith, The Phases of Faith; the defence of the former, from the *Quarterly Review*, most ably done.

"*April 2d.* At bank; a free discount. Reported the results of my last visit to Harrisburg, and urged the propriety of securing the vote of E. K. Price in the Senate. Met Schuylkill Navigation board; their business begins well. Handed G. Trotter a check for five thousand dollars, advanced by him at Johnstown. Called upon Mr. Perkins to sell him the E. Canal bonds.

1855. *April 3d.* Engaged, during the morning, upon the renewal of the Philadelphia Bank charter, and requested Mr. Robins to ask Horace Binney to write to E. K. Price, and obtained a letter from J. B. Myers to him. Met the board of the North America Insurance Company in the morning; in the afternoon, that of the Cambria Iron Company, and improperly allowed myself to become excited.

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April 4th. In settling with L. T. Watson, was detained too late for meeting; I very much suspect myself of want of zeal in this duty. Spent some time in the Cambria office, which is far from pleasant in the embarrassed state of their affairs.

April 5th. Have felt much anxiety on account of the position of the Cambria Iron Company, which has become so much embarrassed that there seems but little chance for it. Having an investment of forty thousand dollars disinclines me to see it fail without an attempt at its resuscitation."

This interest in the Cambria Company, at Johnstown, had induced my husband to look closely into its capabilities. These he was convinced, if well managed, could be so increased that, had not so much of his capital been at that time locked up in his improvements at Millville, he would himself have gone to the rescue, and borne it through its difficulties, instead of merely aiding it with his name and credit, and by becoming one of its trustees.

Dr. Wood, in his MS., in speaking of my husband's varied business operations at Allentown and elsewhere, says: "But the Cambria Iron Company's works, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, are, next to the aggregate concerns at Millville, the most important of the establishments of this kind which he contributed to bring into existence. When taken up by him, the whole concern of the Cambria Iron Works had proved an utter failure, and there seemed little chance of bringing them into a prosperous condition. But my brother

saw in the ruins the elements of a very prosperous concern, could they be brought under judicious management. Though he never participated directly in the management of the works after they assumed their present form, he may be considered the founder of the company, as without his co-operation in its organization, it is doubtful whether the concern would have risen into its present condition, as the most extensive of the iron rail manufacturing establishments in the world. To him, I presume, the company mainly owes its most efficient officers, among whom may be especially reckoned its president, my brother Charles, and its very efficient manager, Mr. D. J. Morrell" [now Hon. Daniel J. Morrell, who represents that district in Congress].

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"April 8th. Isaac Tyson went to meeting with me, came home and took tea. He seems dejected, or rather serious, having lost his sprightliness, but retaining his judgment and kindly feeling.

"April 18th. Called at Philadelphia Bank. Found note from E. K. Price, saying that the governor would not sign a bill to recharter the bank. Spent most of the day in the business of the Cambria Iron Company, and in endeavoring to negotiate with J. Schonberger for a company to rent property, which resulted most unpleasantly with him. Uncle George, and a number of Friends of the Yearly Meeting, to tea.

"April 21st. Occupied principally through the day by the condition of the Cambria Company, which is in a most critical and dangerous position, and with a most incompetent head for its direction, and my vexation is the more increased by my withholding my opposition to his notions.

"April 22d. At meeting, in the morning, Eliza P. Gurney made some remarks upon the benefit of silence before the Lord. A young man spoke of the necessity of the branch abiding in the vine, quoting the Saviour's declaration to the people. Meeting was large, and I thought rather more than usually sober.

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ÆT. 56. "April 28th. Saw J. H. Towne, and, after conversation about Cambria concerns, suggested to him the propriety of his becoming president. David Reeves proposed to N. to resign. He consented. J. Yarrow and family returned this morning from the South.

"May 14th. In the afternoon at the Haverford Association, being its annual meeting, and for election of officers. The report of the past year was quite satisfactory. Our little daughter, though still coughing, seems better, and drove with her mother several miles.

"May 16th. Much of the day spent in arranging for the leasing of Cambria Iron Company's estate, which I trust is in a fair way of completion, my brother Charles having prepared to take charge of its affairs in this city as a lessee. N. Randolph called to take tea with us, after which he stated that he expected to be married to-morrow morning.

"May 23d. Instead of going to meeting I delayed for the purpose of having lease executed, by Cambria Company, to six lessees, of which my brother Charles is the leading one. The *whole day*, from ten o'clock, except a short time at dinner, was occupied, and we only succeeded in getting the signatures a few minutes before twelve o'clock at night.

"May 24th. At bank, at which was a pretty free discounting. Spent much of the day in the affairs of the Cambria Iron Company, where my labors, I hope, as a director, are drawing to a close, although I am in much danger of trouble by embarking as trustee for the payment of the debts of the company. Spent some time with St. George T. Campbell on that subject this evening.

"May 25th. Left for Millville, taking wife; crossed at Kaighn's Point; had a pleasant ride to Franklinville, where we dined. Our horse Ben very much fatigued, and with some difficulty reached Millville, where he seemed so much overcome that I feared he would die.

"May 26th. Went with wife over the mill, in which much

progress has been made. The cards being ground and the clothing put on, Greene thinks he will be ready to start the pickers on the fourth of July. Rode out to the burnt district, above the Union, and found the swamp very much injured, and at least three hundred acres of bush-land burnt over. It looked dismal, indeed.

"May 27th. Dr. Randolph has taken several meals with us. He seems quite content with the situation he occupies as book-keeper. Wife and myself went to Presbyterian meeting in the morning, but, I fear, with little edification,—more my own than the preacher's fault. In the evening went to Methodist meeting, the preacher seemed in earnest and intelligent.

"May 28th. Left at half-past five, bringing Ben and Bill; the latter, because we feared the former not able to bring us. Travelled slowly, and reached Camden about three o'clock. Saw brother Charles, who has just returned from Cambria, and reports all right so far as the delivery went. Spent the evening at the Cambria Company's office, for the purpose of completing trust to pay debts.

"May 29th. Occupied in the morning in replying to correspondents, whose letters came during my absence. Spent some time at the Cambria office, to get the article constituting me trustee for the holding the notes of the lessees; and having succeeded, deposited them in the Philadelphia Bank.

"May 30th. Occupied much of the day with Cambria affairs, which I hope may be approaching a close. Several of the creditors calling upon me, to most of them I have offered fifty per cent. Called upon Dr. Miller to look at my horse that is sick.

"June 1st. Received letter from son Richard, from Nashville, and replied to him at Knoxville. Was informed of the death of John Sheppard, of Greenwich, New Jersey, I believe in his ninetieth year. Asked T. Robins, president

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1855. of the Philadelphia Bank committee, to present to the board
Æt. 36. the subject of building a new banking-house. First arrival of cotton from New Orleans.

"*June 6th.* Rode before breakfast; then went with wife and daughter to the marriage of C. Wager Hull to Anne Randolph, daughter of our aunt Ann. Mayor Conrad officiated; the ceremony was solemn and impressive. Much engaged to-day in the affairs of the Cambria, from the difficulty with the workmen, and in contracting for rails.

"*June 8th.* Early breakfast; then to the station of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad with daughters Mary and Carrie, and sons Wallie and Stuart, and their nurse Jane, under protection of our man Michael. Much occupied in the Cambria affairs, and decided to go to Johnstown, to pay men in full for their claims.

"*June 11th.* E. Y. Townsend has returned from Altoona, and given me an account of affairs there not very flattering. Got discount from Northern Liberty Bank and from Philadelphia Bank for \$20,000 to pay the workingmen. Settled difficulty with Backus in relation to a dispute in a purchase of iron on fair terms. Received despatch from S. M. Kermit, of St. Louis, that he will be here on Thursday, to negotiate for railroad iron for the Iron Mountain Company.

"*June 12th.* Left for Huntingdon. Saw Mr. Watson, and walked with him and his board about their road, looking at the bridge and the place for basin. Settled partially with the company, and left for Johnstown, which I reached about twelve, lodging in the Cambria House, in the room with my brother Charles.

"*June 13th.* After giving the money I brought to Wood, Morrell & Co., walked about the works, and had conversation with several of the creditors of the company. Found all quiet, and the works progressing as usual. Left, at four, for Altoona, and getting home at five o'clock next morning, the 14th, went to bed, until nearly nine, and then to discount board of Philadelphia Bank.

"*June 16th.* Had a long visit from Governor Bigler, his object being to obtain my consent to become a manager of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, of which he is president. Brother Charles returned from Johnstown, and reports matters doing well at the works. 1855.
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"*June 27th.* Began the day, at Millville, by a talk with Kemble about the affairs of the grist-mill, which has yielded a small profit. Found the cotton-mill almost in a condition to run, one or two pieces of machinery being wanting. The whole appearance of the mill is gratifying, but the cost has been great. The manufacturing of pipe rather larger than at any former time. Fixed on the place to put gas-works for supplying the mill.

"*June 29th.* Bought lot of corn this morning at one hundred and five. Called at bank, and made an agreement for money for next week. Wrote to wife at Lombardy Grove. A decided earthquake at Baltimore, yesterday. At brother Charles's; proposed buying, in conjunction with him, some Cambria bonds.

"*July 4th.* Came to farm last evening. Rode, having daughter Carrie as companion, over to mother's, and from there to the top of the hill in the woods for quite a long distance, having a very shady road.

"*July 8th.* Meeting very small, owing to the absence of many in the country. It has been a most quiet day to me, having been alone in the house, except the cook. A very excellent time for self-examination; I should improve it.

"*July 15th.* The grounds about the farm, and the whole appearance of the institution at Westtown much improved since my last visit. After dinner, by a draft of road, found the way easily to Delaware County, to the person with whom my brother Charles's family are boarding; slept there.

"*July 22d, Lombardy Grove.* Spent almost all the day in the house, and, instead of going to meeting, assembled all the children in the green room, including two of brother

1855. Charles's, and read several chapters in the Bible; they repeating Scripture and singing some hymns. I confess I do not feel pure enough to lead in these social exercises.

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"*July 28th.* Left for the farm; found all well, and Dr. Wood and family at our house. Spent most of the day in walking round the farm. Delightful evening,—full moon; enjoyed it on the piazza.

"*Aug. 2d.* Much pleased with the prospect of starting the mill, which succeeded very well until we got to the lap-winder, and was then stopped by its failure to do as expected. Much contrivance to make it answer, but have not succeeded.

"*Aug. 9th.* B. V. Marsh returned from the store, much to my satisfaction, as I find it unpleasant to have to attend to the finances of Wood, Bacon & Co. At bank. Presided in the absence of Mr. Robins. Moderate discount. Was gratified by a large cash sale of goods by E. Y. Townsend. Reading the Autobiography of Goethe. His early life I find interesting.

"*Aug. 22d.* Took wife, daughter Mary, and son Walter to Altoona, having a pleasant journey, and remaining in the cars all day. Reached Altoona at seven o'clock; found Dr. Wood, wife, and sister. Took tea with them and Mrs. and the Misses Mayer.

"*Aug. 23d.* After breakfast, left with Dr. Wood for Johnstown, and upon arriving there was met by brother Charles and Mr. Morrell, and shown over their works. Examined carefully the furnaces, and ore- and coal-yards, the rolling-mill and machine-shops. In the afternoon, Charles returned with us, and went to the city.

"*Oct. 15th.* Spent an hour at store; then left in steamer Cohansey, with wife and sons R. and Walter. Arrived at Salem, and left at once for Greenwich, getting there before five o'clock, and going over a new road most of the way. Called to see many of our old friends, and paid J. E. Shep-

pard for a cargo of wheat, shipped a few days since. Greenwich looks finely. 1855.

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"Oct. 16th. Left Greenwich, stopping to see my old neighbor Stiles, and for a short time at Bridgeton. Reached Millville before eleven. After dinner, went up and made sale of a few lots of the burned timber, there being about four hundred acres in all; but the buyers being few and the prices very low, gave up the public sale. Conferred with McNeal and Sharp about putting in a new water-wheel. Took wife through the mill from bottom to top.

"Oct. 18th. After talking with a number of persons, left for home. Reached the city before four; found all well, and an invitation, from J. Fisher Leaming, to preside at the anniversary of the Union Benevolent Society; which I did. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Newton, Dr. Taylor, and Dr. Dowling.

"Oct. 19th. Called upon Merrick in relation to the gas-works, and saw Mr. Ginley, the fitter up. Mr. Showel, of St. Martin, called this morning, and proposed a loan of ten thousand dollars, at six months, at six per cent., and he to be allowed one hundred dollars premium, letting the whole stand for several years. To this we assented, he promising to bring the funds to-morrow. Quite oppressed with business. Met in the evening the Union Benevolent Association, and presided.

"Oct. 22d. Called on D. C. Wood, and had some talk with him about the wheel-pit of the present old wheel at Millville. At the office of the Cambria Iron Company, and talked with D. Reeves and M. Newkirk about the affairs of the company, which are a little critical, on account of the state of the mortgage bonds. Met the finance committee of the Union Benevolent Society, and appointed collectors.

"Oct. 26th. In the evening met the Union Benevolent Society. The president being absent, took his place. The attendance was quite respectable. Wife in bed, from over-exertion.

1855. *Oct. 31st.* Spent the afternoon at the Philadelphia Bank taking an account of the assets of the bank. Son Eddie came home with sprained knee, from playing foot-ball. Daughter Carrie returned from Greenwich.

Nov. 1st. A large offering and moderate income, besides which quite a large sum had to be discounted for the Girard Bank to keep it from suspending. It is also believed that the Bank of Pennsylvania is not much better off just now for specie. Went to Camden to arrange with cashier Maddocks for the payment of the installments upon my subscription. Dr. Wood, wife, and Isaac Tyson, to tea.

Nov. 3d. Drove with wife and daughters to see Mr. Yarrow and Dr. Rivinus and their families off in the Keystone State for Savannah. Mr. Yarrow looked in good spirits, and Mrs. Rivinus much better than I expected. Had some debate in the dividend committee about the dividend to be made by the Philadelphia Bank,—between five and seven per cent. In the evening went to the Wistar-party of Dr. Bache, which was pleasant.

Nov. 11th. Dr. Wood examined our son Edward's sprained knee, and directed the splints to be left off; but said it would not do to send him back to Haverford for some days.

Dec. 2d. Remained at home all day, except during meeting. The disposition to withdraw from society increases too much, I fear, with me.

Dec. 24th. Called on Merrick, who stated that they had sent men to the gas-works at Millville. Went to the funeral of my old friend and partner John Yarrow, whose remains were brought from Savannah, and interred at Laurel Hill Cemetery. His dissolution has been gradual, and his end is said to have been peaceful and prayerful.

Dec. 30th. Our son George came from Haverford to spend two or three days before the New Year. These short visits are pleasant to us, and quite agreeable to the children.

Wife and son Richard to Calvary Presbyterian Church this evening. 1855.

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"Dec. 31st. Went to Merrick's to see about completing the gas-works at Millville. At bank, and handled the notes,—discounting about one hundred thousand dollars. Wrote various letters on business. In the evening Thomas Richardson and wife, R. Randolph, sisters Caroline and Hannah, to tea.

1856. *“Jan. 1st.* Dined with family at Dr. Wood’s, and spent the afternoon and evening very pleasantly.

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“Jan. 5th. Finished making up my account with Millville and D. C. Wood’s debts ; find them larger than I expected,—about one-third of all my estate.

“Jan. 7th. In the evening went with wife and daughter to hear Thackeray’s lecture on George the Fourth. The house very full ; the discourse not gratifying to me.

“Jan. 11th. Went with son to hear H. W. Beecher ; was pleased with his discourse, from his facility of delivery, the boldness of his assertions, and the flashes of wit interspersed throughout.

“Jan. 19th. Affirmed to accounts as assignee of D. C. Wood, and left with St. George T. Campbell for Peter McCall, and hope it will prove satisfactory, and result in preventing litigation. Settled some claims against the Cambria Iron Company. Our little Walter is carrying his head awry. Sent for Dr. Norris, at the recommendation of Dr. Wood, to see him. He thinks that the muscles are affected.

“Jan. 27th. Our little son Walter not quite well. Passed almost all the day in reading, which perhaps too much excludes the meditation of that fast-approaching futurity which must soon come to me. Oh, that I may be ready!

“Feb. 13th. Wife left for Haverford to see our son Edward, with the mumps ; and finding that George had been wounded in a sled-ride, remained for the night, as she informed us by letter. Employed in disposing of muslins ; find them quite satisfactory to buyers. The conducting the business at

Millville is one of much discomfort, but saves perhaps some moments of ennui. 1856.

"Feb. 16th. At meeting at office of Allentown Iron Company, we decided to increase the capital of the company to five hundred thousand dollars. Thomas Chase, from Haverford, to tea. An intelligent and pleasant man.

"Feb. 23d. Received letter from cashier of Chambersburg Bank, offering a loan of \$18,000; which I accepted. Was called upon by Judge Mitchell, the president of the Piqua Railroad, and agreed to take a proportionate share of a new loan to that company. Saw Lewis T. Watson about winding up the business of Rough and Ready Furnace. Dr. Benjamin Coates spent the evening with us.

"Feb. 24th. At meeting. It seems to me that one good sermon is better than more, as the mind is broken off from a train of thoughts of a devotional character that probably it was led to by the first.

"Feb. 26th. Heard that the cotton-mill had started, and trust it will not soon again have to stop; but expectations are very often disappointed. The selling of its products now occupy a large place in my thoughts.

"Feb. 27th. Wife left for West Chester, to see our son Randolph, taking our daughter Carrie to see her friend Emily Bradford, who is probably near her end. I left in the 7.15 train; it soon began to snow, and continued all the day. Left the cars at Huntingdon, stopping at the Jackson House.

"Feb. 28th. Left in the cars for Rough and Ready Furnace. Upon arrival, began an examination of the books, which showed a loss for two years, of our loan, of about \$12,000,—a most enormous taking away of property; one of which I feel much ashamed, and I now regret my neglect of attention to it. Made an agreement with L. T. Watson to purchase all the stock, at as near cost as could be estimated, and pay the rent, releasing me from any further responsibility. Left Huntingdon before four, stopping at Harris-

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1856. burg, and talking with Senator Crabb and others about the
 Æt. 57. Philadelphia Bank bill, which I found in a very awkward predicament. Left at 1.15, and reached home to tea this evening, the 29th.

“March 8th. Quite a disposition is manifested to purchase the products of the mill at Millville; but I fear the price at which they are selling is too low for a fair profit. The opinion that the steamer Pacific is lost seems settled.

“March 15th. Left Millville in stage. At home to dinner. Found wife up-stairs, but much improved. Called upon T. Robins. The renewal of the charter of Philadelphia Bank has just passed the Senate, with a bonus of one per cent., to please the Governor,—not without suspicion of its having been promoted by parties in this city.

“March 23d. I find it most agreeable to spend First days quietly at home in reading, except during the time of meeting, and my family follow the example very generally. Wife has not ventured down to meals, although she thinks of doing so to-morrow. I find her engaged in reading the Prayer Book and Homilies of the Episcopal Church. Her inclinations are that way.

“March 27th. Settled finally with L. T. Watson the business of Rough and Ready Furnace, finding a loss of more than eleven thousand dollars in remaining in it for about two years. I believe the loss has been occasioned by the extreme bad management of badly-situated works, both as to construction and supply of ore.

“April 2d. Notice of opposition to the Philadelphia Bank was made in the House of Representatives, and prevented its passage. R. Randolph came up from Millville, and states that there was an attempt to cut the canal bank, but it was detected. Reading the Life of Dr. Judson, with much pleasure.

“April 30th. Sermon by S. F. Smiley. David Whitman spent some time with me at the store; he is here examining

Guyeline's turbine water-wheel. Afternoon at Philadelphia Bank, counting notes and cash of bank. 1856.
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"*May 1st.* Awoke about two this morning by the ringing of the fire bells. Found one of the greatest fires raging I have ever seen; more than half the square from Fifth to Sixth Streets, on the north side of Market Street, and north to Commerce Street.

"*May 2d.* Walked by the burnt district, which is being cleared, ready for building. Several large stores are about to be put up in place of small old ones. The losses are estimated at six hundred thousand dollars, mostly insured. I find myself, after a life of more than half a century, and a third of it of mature political judgment, for the first time at a loss for whom to cast my vote at a coming election for officers of the city.

"*May 10th.* Spent the evening, with wife and sons George and Randolph, at the Academy of Fine Arts, and think the addition of the statuary-room a great improvement, and the exhibition, generally, superior to any I have seen.

"*May 13th.* Left home, in carriage, with wife, daughters Carrie and Julia, and son Walter; stopped at Glassboro', and had a talk with T. H. Whitney. Dined at Franklinville, and reached Millville a little after four; things generally doing well.

"*May 20th.* The distressing cough of our daughter Julia, in the morning, is quite overpowering, and her good spirits after it ceases astonishing. After tea, went with wife and daughters to horticultural exhibition,—some very fine flowers; thence to the Academy of Fine Arts.

"*May 23d.* This morning left about ten, with wife and son Walter, in carriage, driving to Media. Left our carriage there, and, hiring another, were driven to Nathaniel Pratt's, a farmer, about seven miles beyond. Engaged board for our family, to begin before the middle of July. Returned to Media, and home by seven o'clock.

1856. *May 24th.* Agreed with Mr. W. C. Kent to become one
 of twelve parties to purchase a tract of over six thousand
 acres of coal lands, near Wilkesbarre, for one hundred and
 thirty thousand dollars,—it now being the property of Asa
 Packer; being governed in this decision by Mr. Kent, trusting
 to his management of the matter. In the evening had a party,
 —Dr. Bache and his sister, the Misses Mayer, Beulah Coates
 and sister, Mr. Joseph Harrison and wife, and several others.

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May 25th. A Friend from Indiana, named Pennworthy,
 preached quite a long and unusual sermon for a woman, and
 after it, prayed fervently. Suppose she is travelling on mis-
 sionary duty with her husband. Hope our little Julia has
 less cough.

June 13th. Called upon F. Fraley, and found the busi-
 ness of the Schuylkill Navigation Company was larger than
 at any previous week since the commencement of the work.
 Spent the evening with wife at Dr. Elwyn's. He talked much
 on the subject of his business as one of the commissioners
 of license to tavern-keepers. His narrative was amusing.

June 14th. Requested F. Fraley to invite W. C. Ludwig
 to join the Navigation Company on their excursion up the
 river. After dinner, drove with wife, daughters M. and C.,
 and son W. to Edward Yarnall's new place, where we left
 Carrie for a day or two; then across to G. Randolph's to tea.

June 18th. Called upon many of the dry goods dealers,
 and took orders for muslins. They generally seemed pleased
 with the notion of getting them direct from the manufacturer.
 A. B. Davis & Son were so kind as to give me the names
 and commercial standing of several of them. Left for Wash-
 ington at five o'clock. Put up at Willard's Hotel. Wrote
 to wife:

“WASHINGTON, June 18th, 1856.

“DEAR WIFE,—I have just reached here, and as I neg-
 lected to do my duty in this way in Baltimore, it is one of
 the first things to be attended to now.

"From appearance, I shall not be able to get back to Baltimore to-morrow in time to finish the business I hope to do there, and shall probably be kept from home until the next day. Please, however, leave the front door on the dead-latch to-morrow night, as I intend to go, if possible. If thee was here, I might be tempted to spend a few days; but without thee I cannot be comfortable from home.

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"At Baltimore, I saw cousin Isaac Tyson and Dr. Morris and his wife; all the others whom I have met are only business friends. These, however, thee knows I am not apt to neglect.

"I trust you have had at home, and in New Jersey, the fine rain of last night,—it was continuous from dark until dawn. It is now about nine o'clock, and as I may call upon President Pierce to breakfast! I propose going to bed very soon, notwithstanding the cannon are firing to collect the sovereigns to make a noise in celebration of the nomination of Buchanan, and the telegraph is telling of the nomination of Frémont, at Philadelphia, who may succeed the one, and supersede the other.

"If I *déjeûne* with Mr. Pierce, I shall be plain in my talk, and let him know the cause of the failure of his nomination. It is best to speak out, when one sets about it.

"I was in great distress between Baltimore and Washington, but was relieved, on arriving, by finding my umbrella under the seat, instead of having been lost by the way. Thee must have been quite disconsolate had it been lost.

"Please excuse the gravity of this epistle. It is not always that I am so sombre in writing, but I trust it may find thee and the chickens in good spirits, and ready to receive all the love I now send.

"I am stopping at Willard's; but if I was *not stopped*, I should go farther, trusting to fare better."

"*June 20th, Baltimore.* After breakfast among the jobbers, and sold a number of cases of goods, to be delivered as soon

1856. as I can send them. Left in the eleven o'clock train for
 } Philadelphia, and had a warm but rather pleasant ride, find-
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 fractious horses they did not get home till nearly ten o'clock.

"*June 27th.* Left with daughters Mary and Caroline, sons
 Walter and Stuart, and their nurse, for Nathaniel Pratt's,
 near Concord, Delaware County, to spend the warm weather.

"*July 25th.* Talked with brother David, whose mind is
 running upon the erection of the tumbling dam at Millville
 and the fire in the woods. Invited him to go to Johnstown
 with Charles and myself; which invitation he did not accept.
 Have bought and put into my cellar fifty tons of Broad
 Mountain coal, at three dollars and sixty-two cents per ton,
 of twenty-two hundred and forty pounds.

"*July 28th.* At bank, and handled the notes; doing a
 large discount. Acted as president, *pro tem.*, at the North
 America Insurance Company, in place of Mr. Jones, who
 is sick. Wife, whose arm has been very sore with 'herpes,'
 has almost recovered, and has decided to go again to Pratt's
 on Thursday or Friday next.

"*Aug. 2d.* Left for Rockdale, after spending an hour at
 my counting-room, and reached there in time for an early
 dinner. Rode in the afternoon over to Caspar Sharpless's.

"*Aug. 4th.* At bank, and presided: discounting a large
 line for large customers. Son Richard returned from Cape
 May. Left in the five o'clock train for New York, stopping
 at the Astor House.

"*Aug. 7th.* At bank, presiding in absence of president;
 discounted a large sum. Taking leave of the persons at my
 place of business, accompanied by son to the cars, left for
 Chicago, having a warm and dirty ride. Reached Altoona,
 and stopped for the night, finding a new landlord, but good
 quarters.

"*Aug. 8th.* At nine left in the cars for the West; much in-

terested in crossing the mountains. Pleased with the appearance of Cresson, Dr. Jackson's place. Reached Johnstown at eleven; met Mr. Morrell, and accompanied him to his house to dine. In the afternoon went with him and Fritz, the engineer, to B—— and Mill Creek Furnace; a short talk with the managers; railroad to the latter being relaid. Back to Mr. Morrell's to lodge.

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"*Aug. 9th.* Walked with Mr. Morrell to the furnaces and the flour-mill. Saw Smith, the banker, a few minutes, and then left in the train for the West, passing through Pittsburg; took the Pittsburg and Ohio Railroad to Alliance, where I changed to the Cleveland and Pittsburg Road, and reached the former place about ten at night. From Alliance to Cleveland the country mostly opened, and badly cultivated, and dry. Reading 'My Novel,' by Bulwer, and am interested.

"*Aug. 11th.* Called upon the gas company and the trustees of the water-works, in relation to pipe. Left for Toledo, and had a pleasant ride, excepting dust; reached there about nine. The president of the railroad in the cars, who told me he had contracted with Wood, Morrell & Co.

"*Aug. 12th.* Went to gas-works, and received much information from the foreman,—he showing the whole process of making wood gas, which was the only kind they were then distributing. Sold several cases of muslins. Lost my ticket, but got forward without. Left at eleven for Chicago."

From this place my husband writes, August 13th :

"DEAR WIFE,—Eight o'clock this evening finds me debating the question of going to Milwaukee to-morrow morning at nine, or turning homeward. If the latter, shall probably see thee before this comes to hand. The former would increase the absence from you about two days. Business and profit have one side of the argument, and affection and love of home and of ease have the other; which will prevail will be decided by eight and a half o'clock to-morrow. Most of the day has been spent with the lawyers,

1856. which, under the best circumstances in a business way, is far
 from agreeable.

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"Of all cities that the world has built, I presume there is not one that can take precedence of this, in regard to growth in population and wealth. More than one hundred thousand people have been collected here during fifteen years. They have houses larger than princes, and warehouses and depots that cover acres. They speak of millions, the expenditure of which is only a matter of a few hours' discussion. I have just heard the story of a poor officer of the army, stationed at the fort on the lake a few years since, who had saved five hundred dollars pay, and invested it here in lots that are worth at this time more than five hundred thousand dollars.

"There come and go from the house where I am stopping one hundred people every day, and while I have been writing I heard a 'Hurrah;' stepped to the door to learn the occasion, and found Burlingame had just arrived, and they were showing him a lodging-room. He had no difficulty in getting quarters! I saw him for a second face to face. He is just about my height, with a fine, full, broad frame, and looks as if he could make a good fisticuff fight, quite as well as an intellectual combat. He is traveling through the West, making speeches at political gatherings. There is much danger of ruin to him from his prominence. Christian humility alone will save him.

"Political excitement is approaching its height through this region. In almost all the cars there has been a vote taken for presidential candidates. In almost every instance Frémont has had the majority, and in no case Buchanan. I presume it but a poor test of the result. Buchanan will most probably be elected, although I should fear to say so here, as they might put me in a mad-house.

"There can hardly be a greater contrast between two places of residence than the front rooms of this house and the quiet abode you now occupy, and to one whose time for

quitting this world is fast approaching, Reason says *yours* is the most appropriate. But that teacher has been preaching so long that the sermon is considered prosy. I trust, however, that it will not be so continually. I am sure that those I love are better off than they would be here; so I must leave them to their enjoyment, and get into my bed to dream of them. Please return the compliment.”

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“*Aug. 14th.* Called upon W. Burtis of the gas company, then upon the dry goods merchants, then upon the president of the Illinois Central Railroad, and the Galena and Chicago Railroad, both of whom want iron. Bade Mr. J. H. Birch, of the Chicago Bank, good-bye, and, taking the Milwaukee Railroad after dinner, went up to that city, having a pleasant ride through a poor country along the lake.

“*Aug. 15th.* Rose early, walked to the lake-shore, and was struck by the bad taste shown in levelling the bluff down to the grade of the streets. Called upon several of the merchants, and sold them muslins. Talked with one or two prominent citizens about the introduction of water. Left in the afternoon, and reached Chicago again about eight.

“*Aug. 16th.* Having, by mistake, got into the S. Michigan cars, was prevented making trip to Cincinnati, and came directly on home, travelling all night. Stopped at Alliance, and reached Pittsburg about dark, having had a pleasant ride, excepting the dust. All the waters very low.

“*Aug. 17th.* Awoke early, having an interrupted sleep,—being too cold. Breakfasted at Patterson, and reached home about two o'clock, finding no one but the servant Rebecca there. Took bath, light dinner, and slept for some time; remainder of the day reading.

“*Aug. 18th.* At bank; handled the paper, and discounted freely. At Schuylkill Navigation board. Had talk with M. Newkirk about the sale of the Cambria Iron Company, under the present advertisement, at suit of Columbia Bank.

1856. Much employed in the counting-room, on the business of the cotton-mill, in writing letters.

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"*Aug. 21st.* At bank; a free discount. Called upon St. George T. Campbell. He advised to settle a claim against the Cambria estate in favor of the Columbia Bank. Quite a large business doing with the West and Southwest. Received letter from wife, who seems pleased with their situation at Pratt's, and the enjoyment of the children.

"*Aug. 22d.* Settled the difficulty with M. Newkirk, by agreeing that the Columbia Bank's claims should be taken up by Wood, Morrell & Co.'s notes.

"*Aug. 23d.* Saw Mr. Fraley about the gas-pipe, who said they were too high, and recommended a reduction; which we made. Went in the West Chester cars to Rockdale, and met wife in carriage.

"*Aug. 25th.* Left Pratt's after breakfast with wife. Got into the cars at Rockdale at seven, and reached town in little more than an hour. Went to bank, at which was discounted about \$84,000. The prospect for business is not particularly promising, perhaps owing to troubles growing out of a presidential election and the quarrels of political parties.

"*Aug. 29th.* Rode, with daughters Mary and Carrie, to Chadd's Ford, and along the Brandywine. In the afternoon wife, daughters Carrie and Julia went over to Caspar Sharpless's to tea. Spent a pleasant evening with our intelligent and earnest countryman; his farm is a fine one.

"*Aug. 30th.* About six, left with wife and daughters Mary and Julia; leaving the two latter at Mrs. Randolph's, went on to Lombardy Grove. Wife put up some of her house-keeping articles, being under the impression that they would not be again wanted there. I had quite a talk with Mr. Massey about staying on the farm; which he seemed disposed to do.

"*Aug. 31st.* At meeting at Concord with wife and daughters. Son Walter was hurt on Friday by the fall of a piece

of iron upon his ankle, and is yet in bed. Left after dinner, and reached home to tea. An absence of a few days from the city makes quite a break in my regular employments. 1856.
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"*Sept. 1st.* At bank; pretty free discount. At Schuylkill Navigation Company; no quorum. At Wood, Morrell & Co., who have made a bad bargain with the brothers Moore, of Hollidaysburg. Dr. Wood returned from a visit to Long Branch. Congress adjourned on Saturday.

"*Sept. 5th.* Very early breakfast. Went to Camden, and got into stage for Millville. Went at once with Greene to the point at which the turbine wheel is to be put in, and, after looking about, decided not to change the locality, as proposed by Greene. Saw McNeal, Sharp, and Doughty, and Joseph Moore, and looked at the new church. Answered the inquiries of the Boston fire company.

"*Sept. 6th.* Left after looking at the various kinds of business in progress. Had a very dusty ride. Stopped at the store and answered letters, and on coming home found the family had all returned from the country, bringing Mr. Pratt's bill for board. Son Richard gone to Haverford to join in a celebration of the old classes this evening.

"*Sept. 10th.* The ceremony of giving diplomas to the graduating class at Haverford passed very satisfactorily. Our son Edward spoke quite as well as we expected. He came off second best, although by two years the youngest of the class. Returned after the exercises, bringing son George with us.

"*Sept. 12th.* Breakfasted with the family about four o'clock, went with them to the railroad station, and saw them safely seated. My wife, her sister Mary, daughter Carrie, and sons Edward and George, bound for Niagara. Kissed them, and wished them a safe journey. Went down to business, and then over to Camden to see D. C. Wood's case. Mr. Nixon, whom I met, advised me to send my accounts

1856. to R. Howell; which I did. Kemble informs me a lot of
 our wheat has sunk in Maurice River.

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"*Sept. 17th.* Letter from daughter Carrie to Mary, from Niagara. Carrie Yarnall to tea, and stay all night. Sat with her and Mary, at window, to see torch-light procession of the Democratic party.

"*Sept. 18th.* Waked up this morning and found wife at my side; she and the children having returned from their Niagara trip about twelve o'clock last night. At bank, with a free discount. Expect to start at two and a half for Allentown, although I feel somewhat out of health. Went in company with Jos. Corbit, and reached Easton about eight o'clock, stopping there for the night. Called to see John Titus.

"*Sept. 19th.* Left Easton with Mr. Corbit. Had conversation with Mr. Lewis, the manager, and stated the condition of the affairs of the company; he listened attentively. Left at two, and stopped a short time at Easton; reached the city about eight.

"*Sept. 22d.* Had an interview with J. H. Towne about the works of Allentown Iron Company. Dr. Wood and family came home from Long Branch, and took tea with us. Made some unsuccessful attempts to sell muslin, which compels me to look to New York.

"*Sept. 23d.* Left home, after breakfast, for New York, and reached there at 11.30. Called upon Lyman, Brintnall & Hooper; also on Lawrence, Clapp & Co., and several jobbers, and sold them nearly twenty cases of goods. Called upon Henry S. Wells, the contractor of the Brooklyn Water Company, who promised to notify us when he was ready for water-pipe. Left at five for Providence.

"*Sept. 25th, New York.* Bought twenty-five bales of cotton, and directed it be shipped by the 'Martha.' Called upon L. B. & Co., and upon a large number of jobbers, and succeeded in selling goods to most of them, although with some persuasion. Called upon Mr. Stephens, the president

of the Bank of Commerce, and talked about Wood, Morrell & Co. opening an account with them. 1856.

"Sept. 26th. Advised of the stoppage of the cotton-mill for want of cotton, which I bought and sent to-day by the Chester. Went to Gloucester to see about bleaching some goods for New York customers, David S. Brown being part of the company. Met Union Benevolent Society at their room this evening; a pretty good attendance, and good feeling. Invited Mr. Everett to deliver an address. Æt. 57.

"Sept. 30th. P. C. Garrett went to Baltimore last night to sell muslins. Met at Welsh's counting-room S. Welsh, J. S. Towne, and Joseph Cabot, on the subject of closing the account of the Allentown Iron Company with them; they seemed quite willing to meet our views. Went to Schuylkill Navigation Company, and talked with F. Fraley about the state of the affairs of the company, now embarrassed.

"Oct. 1st. Made some movement towards getting a collector for the Union Benevolent Society. In the afternoon drove, with family, to the new hospital, at which place Dr. Wood was going to deliver an address, upon the laying of the corner-stone. In getting out of their carriage, he was severely injured by a fall. Miss Dix was present.

"Oct. 3d. Had a long talk with J. T. Nixon, about D. C. Wood's suit, and agreed with him to meet for statement of accounts, on the 17th instant. Rode to see ground-rent tenants; then with Mrs. Wood to see the place of Mrs. Coxe, known as Camac's. Immediate application for pipe from Albany.

"Oct. 7th. Left the city with sons Edward and George. Dined at Malaga, and from there to Forest Grove, where the mill is erecting, on the Rosenbaum estate. Reached Millville after four, and found the pit for the turbine wheel in bad plight.

"Oct. 9th. Called to see L. Mulford about the West Jersey Railroad, and talked about a mandamus by the court. Left

1856. after dinner, bringing up the bay horses and Bill. They had
 been there for the summer. Had a ride through the burnt
 Er. 57. district with Samuel Thomas, who wishes to cut and cart a
 considerable portion of the burnt timber.

"Oct. 10th. Stayed the night at Franklinville, getting to
 Red Bank about ten. T. H. Whitney and Mr. Sumner, of
 New Orleans, on board the boat. Went with wife to B. V.
 Marsh's, to tea. A large party of their friends, it being the
 sixty-second anniversary of his mother's birth.

"Oct. 18th. Daughter Mary returned from a visit to
 Thomas T. Lea's, and Carrie gone to her uncle Horatio's.
 Reading Dr. Kane's Expedition, which is interesting from
 the character of the story and its objects, as well as the par-
 ticular incidents and escapes of the individuals.

"Oct. 21st. Spent some time in the counting-room, exam-
 ining the progress of the cotton-mill. In the evening
 attended the anniversary of the Union Benevolent Society,
 —the Rev. Mr. Willits and the Rev. Mr. Goddard address-
 ing the company with pleasant, and, I trust, useful effect. In
 the absence of the president, I took the chair.

"Oct. 23d. The advices from the continent of Europe look
 financially uncomfortable. After tea, a long and thorough
 search for a rat, in the cellar, without success.

"Oct. 24th. Looking for cotton, and, after going through the
 market, concluded that it would be much cheaper to order
 from New Orleans, and did so. Spent the afternoon at the
 Philadelphia Bank, in counting the cash assets of the insti-
 tution, with the other members of the board. Spent the
 evening at the Union Benevolent Association.

"Oct. 25th. In the afternoon, drove with wife to the neigh-
 borhood of Germantown, and saw many new buildings. After
 tea, went for wife to Mrs. Longstreth's, where was quite a
 party, among them Mr. and Mrs. Willits, of New Orleans.

"Nov. 4th. Uncomfortable from want of money; the
 Philadelphia Bank having to take it rapidly. Met board of

Insurance Company of North America, and had a discussion 1856.
about the rate of insurance, the present prices not paying [}]
any profit. Attended meeting of the Cambria Iron Com- _{Æt. 57.}
pany, whose business seems to be improving. Presidential
election-day; myself and son voted for the Fillmore Union
party.

"*Nov. 18th.* Was somewhat alarmed by a slight spitting
of blood, which, I think, came from the throat.

"*Nov. 19th.* At bank; free discounting, with large income.
The subject of increase of capital was agitated. Our little
daughter Julia continues to cough almost incessantly, and
we feel the great uncertainty of our keeping her long.

"*Nov. 23d.* Our little Julia, who has for several days been
much oppressed with her cough, is something better to-day.
The quietness of a Sabbath is a great relief after a very active
and laborious week, and if my thoughts were more directed
to its duties I should feel better satisfied.

"*Nov. 24th.* At bank; moderate income, and rather con-
tracted dividend. Short of cash, and had to borrow at one
per cent. Commercial affairs, without any apparent ap-
proach to a crisis, have an uncomfortable appearance.
Money in demand because there does not seem to be
enough to be had to meet engagements, except at high
rates. Wife went to Franklin Institute.

"*Nov. 25th.* Talked with the president of the Philadelphia
Bank on the subject of an enlargement of its capital and
the purchase of a lot. The arrival of the Persia brings the
intelligence of the advance, by the Bank of England, of the
rate of interest to seven per cent. Brother Charles informed
me of the engagement of his daughter to Dr. Packard.

"*Dec. 2d.* Spent some time in the office of St. George T.
Campbell, in arranging D. C. Wood's accounts; also at
Philadelphia Bank, as one of the committee to prepare the
mode of increasing the capital of the bank. Agreed to a
report to be framed by T. Robins, the president. The mes-

1856. sage of President Pierce in the evening papers; has less
 interest than such documents usually have.

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"*Dec. 3d.* A good deal of trouble in buying cotton and getting it shipped. Faithfully to do the duties of carrying on the mill will require most of the time and the thoughts of one man. Had several interviews with St. G. T. Campbell, in regard to D. C. Wood's affairs, which require much time and thought.

"*Dec. 5th.* Talked with Mr. Robins about the report to be made as a member of the committee on the subject of enlarging the capital of the Philadelphia Bank; also with Lewis Waln, of a loan from the Savings Bank of twenty thousand dollars. Spent the evening at W. C. Kent's, to meet a number of gentlemen who have jointly purchased land near Wilkesbarre.

"*Dec. 6th.* Went over to Camden, and had a short talk with Mr. Vorhees about our case of Clark's; then went into the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, and talked with Mr. Markley, the president. M. L. Dawson's horses ran away and broke the carriage, his wife and daughters providentially escaping. Uncle Richard Randolph in great danger of losing his life by taking a prescription which was intended for external use.

"*Dec. 8th.* A small party in the evening, at which were Charles Wilson and wife, of Liverpool,—our brothers and sisters, and Mrs. Sharpless, of Delaware County, having quite a sociable time in extremely pleasant conversation.

"*Dec. 10th.* Felt somewhat anxious about the payments of to-day, but was comfortably relieved at small cost. In the evening went to Wistar-party of J. Pemberton Hutchinson, which was large, and unusually sumptuous. Mr. Merrick, a gentleman of about ninety, was there, and stood most of the evening.

"*Dec. 24th.* To-morrow being Christmas, met at bank for discount to-day, and, after going through, remained with committee on real estate, and talked about buying ground

for banking-house, to enable the business to be done downstairs. Being Christmas-eve, my wife and daughters very busy fitting up a Christmas-tree, to which they invited some of their friends and neighbors, for the entertainment of the children. 1856.
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"*Dec. 25th.* Left after early breakfast, taking Michael Murphy for coachman, and crossed the Delaware at Market Street. Drove very well to Malaga, and finding the horses unwilling to eat, left them to come in the morning, and, getting with son Randolph into stage, reached Millville about three. Went to grist-mill and the factory, and gave general oversight.

"*Dec. 27th.* Left Millville, reaching Camden, having come over the new turnpike, and stopped a few minutes to talk with T. H. Whitney, at his own place. Spent the evening at Wistar-party of Mr. Dundas, talking with Messrs. S. V. Merrick, John Welsh, J. P. Hutchinson, H. Campbell, and a few other gentlemen.

"*Dec. 30th.* Settled with five girls dismissed from the factory by Greene, on account of refusing to work on Christmas-day. Went to Camden, by appointment, to meet a committee of Camden and Amboy Railroad, in relation to making the West Jersey Railroad, but effected nothing.

"*Dec. 31st.* At bank, as it is New Year's Day to-morrow. Discounted very freely. Spent a long time in the morning in talking with A. C. Davis, to endeavor to compromise a lawsuit; but could not close with him. Our son Walter continues very ill with typhoid fever, it being now the fourteenth day of the attack, and no symptoms of abatement of the disease.

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"*Jan. 1st.* Dined with Dr. Wood, at his family party; all the brothers and sisters, and David, who had been absent from the circle for several years. In the evening our children and several friends joined us to tea. We hope our son Walter is a little better.

"*Jan. 4th.* At meeting; T. Bettle, Senior, preached quite a long, emphatic Quaker sermon. It was an extraordinary production from a man of eighty-two years of age.

"*Jan. 9th.* Settled with A. C. Davis, by compromise, taking little over one-third of our just due. Our son Walter we hope is decidedly convalescent, for which we wish to be thankful.

"*Jan. 12th.* At meeting of the North America Insurance Company, which declared a dividend of five per cent. Received twenty-five thousand dollars from the Savings Bank on mortgage of store, and handed Wood, B. & Company.

"*Jan. 15th.* At bank, we made a very free discount in anticipation of increased stock. Son Richard arrived from the West and looks very well. In the evening went, with wife and son, to Israel Morris's, to meet a small company.

"*Jan. 17th.* Arranged finally with Philadelphia Bank for the payment of new stock. Insured the brig 'May Queen' for one half the cost of the cotton on her, but heard she was in the Breakwater. Sold Lombardy Grove to L. Fuller, for one hundred dollars per acre. Spent the evening at Cheston Morris's, with wife, Dr. Wood and wife, and sister Hannah. [That your father was a judicious and successful farmer is evinced by the fact, as here stated, that this large farm, bought December, 1843, in a most exhausted condition,

for sixty dollars per acre, was now sold for one hundred, the result of judicious draining, fencing, manuring, building of large spring-house, etc. It had always paid six per cent. interest on cost, furnishing us with a plain but comfortable home, where, as children, you roamed at large, in clothes not fit for city wear, gained health, were happy, and learned to be useful in many ways.]

"*Jan. 18th.* Much the coldest day of the season; thermometer down to zero. Josiah Bacon came yesterday from Greenwich, to inform the friends of uncle George Bacon of his decease; gone, I trust, to his final rest!

"*Jan. 23d.* Coldest morning; thermometer ten degrees below zero. River almost entirely closed, notwithstanding the working of the ice-boat; mails all kept back from the West since Monday morning. Presided at meeting of the Union Benevolent Society; an animated discussion on the subject of the appointment of male visitors. It was decided to have them.

"*Feb. 16th.* At bank; free discount. At board of Schuylkill Navigation Company; but little business, and no report of damage by the late floods. Walter commenced school after an absence of about two months, from an attack of typhoid fever. Reading Stanley's *Visit to the Holy Land*.

"*Feb. 22d.* In attempting to put on a pair of new boots injured my hip, which confined me to the house all day. Spent the time in reading *Friends' Review* and Stanley's *Palestine*, until tea, and then the *Life of Washington*, by Irving, after hearing the children read some Scripture stories. Dr. Wood to see me in the evening.

"*Feb. 28th, New York.* Mr. Bell called upon me, and we went to see Mr. Kemble. After conversation with him, went to Brooklyn, and had a decided conversation with Wells about pipe; as we could not come to terms, went to see M. R., of the Manhattan, and decided to return to Philadelphia; which Edward and myself did by the six o'clock train.

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1857. *March 6th.* Left, after breakfast, for business, bidding
Æt. 57. daughter Caroline farewell,—she intending to leave at one,
to spend a few days with our cousins Tyson.

March 11th. Left for Baltimore at eleven last evening;
reached it before five this morning. Went to bed at Bar-
num's. Rose about eight, and called upon many jobbers,
without any great success,—selling about sixteen cases.
Called to see daughter Carrie, at I. Tyson's.

March 12th. At bank, and went through a large discount
business. Indorsed note for Wood, Morrell & Co., to be
used in the Woodbury Bank, much against my wishes. In
the evening Dr. Wood and wife, and sisters to tea, being the
sixtieth anniversary of the doctor. Anna E. Massey and
Miss Wells also here.

March 16th. Engaged a new coachman, Caleb Burris, a
colored man, and formerly slave to Captain Upsher of the
U. S. navy.

March 21st. I am ashamed of having allowed my temper
to get advantage of me in a little matter with a person who
was impertinent, and who had suffered by being a shipper
of antimony by the schooner 'Martha.' At the Philadelphia
Bank in the afternoon, to count and burn notes. Much in-
terested in an article upon Dr. Livingstone's Travels and
Sojourn in Southern Africa.

March 23d. At bank, and handled the notes before
passing them. Discussed the proposition of John Rhea
to purchase his lot at one hundred and thirty thousand dol-
lars,—fifty feet on Chestnut Street, 178 feet deep to Ran-
stead Court, and forty feet on the latter. Went down, with
children, to meet daughter Carrie on her return from Balti-
more; she came safely and well.

March 24th. Got into Millville stage, with two gentlemen
and their dog, going to Maurice Meadows to shoot snipe.
Saw Kemble, and most of the other concerns. In the
evening, L. Mulford and N. Stratton came to see me about
the organization of the bank, and agreed upon ticket.

"*April 24th.* Rode, with wife and three boys, to see John Tucker's place, and was shown over it by the gardener. 1857.
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"*May 7th.* At bank; the discounts somewhat restricted. A good deal perplexed by the large reduction in the price of bleached goods, making the chance of profit very small on working the mill. Concluded finally the lease, with Mr. S. Welsh, for Malvern, for one thousand dollars a year.

"*May 13th.* Left before twelve, with R. W. Bacon, in the Trenton, and landing at Tacony, rode up to C. Cope's country-seat, and, after wandering over it, attended the sale by Messrs. Thomas, who put it up at five hundred dollars the acre, and finally sold it to G. H. Stuart for seventy thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, which, considering the high state of ornament, is cheap enough.

"*May 18th.* Son Richard leaves for the West. Gave him the last charges, and desired him to be guarded and careful in his movements.

"*May 19th.* In the evening went to see the sale of John Tucker's place, which was bid, nominally, to ninety-five thousand dollars, but probably no real bidders.

"*May 20th.* Storm last night blew down an apricot-tree in our garden, which has been bearing nearly twenty years very finely.

"*May 26th.* Left for New York at seven. Called on several parties with whom I had business. Left at four in the New Haven train. Stopped at Bridgeport; had a short talk with the treasurer of the gas company. Went on in next train to New Haven [visiting next morning Yale College, and then, after stopping at Hartford, going to Providence].

"*May 28th.* Called upon Smith, Harkness & Stead; also Philip Allen, and the insurance company. After a talk with Mr. Walcott, got in the cars at eleven, and proceeded to Boston. Stopped at the Tremont House, and left for New York at five. Reached Fall River about seven o'clock.

1857. *May 29th.* Called upon Wells & Co.; saw a number of
ÆT. 58. merchants and jobbers, who generally feel gloomy on the
subject of trade. Left at two, and reached home about seven
o'clock. Found family all gone to Malvern, except wife
and Walter.

May 30th. Read letters received during absence of three
days; talked with my three concerns. Went to Philadelphia
Bank, to Wood, Morrell & Co., and to Schuylkill Navigation
Company. After dinner rode to Malvern, taking wife and
son Walter, thus completing our entire removal.

May 31st. Being desirous of entire quiet, my family pre-
ferred remaining in our new quarters all day. It was spent
very pleasantly in reading, in looking over the grounds
and garden, and in short conversations with Williams, the
gardener, who promises to be an obliging man.

June 1st. Drove in with wife, who came to attend to
housekeeping matters. Went to bank; small income, and
made small discount. Attended Schuylkill Navigation board,
where it was agreed to take the semi-annual trip on the
tenth.

June 3d. Drove in with my wife. Called upon D. S.
Brown, and made an engagement for printing cloths.
Went to meeting; a short sermon by M. A. Lloyd. Called
upon A. Derbyshire, and gave him my note for one thousand
dollars at six months, for the Pennsylvania Hospital, as per
my subscription for the new building. Drove out to Mal-
vern at four in the afternoon, with wife, and found the flowers
put out of the greenhouses.

June 4th. Wife took me to railroad station. Found,
upon getting to the city, a large sum of money to borrow;
which I did, and then to bank. The discount larger than
for several days. Went without dinner, and, at four o'clock,
rode out with Dr. Wood to Malvern.

June 16th. Lodged last night, with Schuylkill Naviga-
tion Company managers and their guests, at Phoenixville;

left at five in boat, going up the canal to Reading. Talked with Judge Bell about the general state of Reading, and the affairs of the town. 1857.
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"*June 17th.* Left Reading at five, and proceeded slowly up the canal, being interested in looking at the vibrating dam, and speculating upon the causes of vibration of the water. Examined Felix and Blue Mountain dams, and stopped at Port Clinton, looking at the docks, and spending the night there. Much unprofitable conversation. [After examining the location for the Dauphin and Susquehanna Railroad for Allentown, and stopping at Schuylkill Haven to walk around and look over the Lippincott & Dundas docks, where much business was doing, and dining with the party on their boat, left it, and, stopping at the Falls Bridge, walked to his family at Malvern on the evening of the 18th.]

"*June 19th.* Went in to city at eight. W. G. Leach up to try to arrange his suit; W. D. Kemble to buy wheat. Altogether an unpleasant day; but little pleased with the new arrangement made by Wood, Starr & Garrett.

"*June 21st.* Went with older children to meeting at Germantown, finding many of our city friends to be occupants of its seats; a woman said a few pertinent words. Drove home down Rittenhouse Lane, and along the Wissahiccon, with its shades, and rocks, and muddy stream. Spent most of the afternoon in reading an article by E. Burritt, on the political interests of the Southern States.

"*June 23d.* Determined to buy some cotton, as high as sixteen cents per pound. Dined at Ridgeway House. Talked with L. Mulford about the Millville Bank. John Tucker called upon me, and I offered him ninety-five thousand dollars for his place ['Old Oaks,' on Township Line Road], payable in my Arch Street house, at forty-five thousand dollars. Came out after dinner, and drove with wife.

"*June 25th.* At bank; offering large. Dined with Dr. Wood, and drove out with him. Found W. Wells and sister. The Misses Brown, N. Randolph and wife, George

1857. Randolph and wife, and H. A. Tyson came in the afternoon ;
ÆT. 58. the last remained all night.

"*July 1st.* Drove in with wife and daughter Carrie. When opposite the house of Mr. Silver, in Broad Street, the axle of our carriage broke and let us down ; procured help, and sent it to Watson for repair. Went to meeting, prayer and sermon. Collected various dues and interests. In the afternoon, purchased a gray horse, and rode him out to Malvern in an hour and ten minutes.

"*July 5th.* Spent the day very quietly in the house and grounds, feeling the calmness of the position. It is, however, almost impossible to withdraw my mind from engagements of impending business.

"*July 17th.* Went in by eight o'clock train. Spent some time in the two counting-rooms, and talked with I. Starr, Jr., of embarking in the bleachery. Went to Schuylkill Navigation Company, and saw the progress of its work. Dined at the Madison House. Invited my brother David to tea at Malvern ; he came out at four P.M., and returned in the evening.

"*July 25th.* Prepared for payments on Monday. Called on D. C. Wood, and talked with him about his late visit to Millville and the running of the lines of the tracts near Blackwater. Looked at his maps. Went over to Camden, and negotiated for notes to pay the hands at the mill. Came out at three, and drove with wife to Henry Cope's.

"*July 30th.* Made several unsuccessful attempts to sell muslins. Left for Malvern in the three o'clock train, and found our cousins Isaac and Hannah Ann Tyson still with us. In the evening had a good laugh in reading the Caudle Lectures.

"*Aug. 2d.* Mr. Power, of Johnstown, came to inform me that the rolling-mill at Johnstown had burned down entirely ; caught by the careless use of the grease. Went to see C. S. Wood on the subject.

"Aug. 3d. Came in by fast train. At bank, and handled the notes ; then to regular meeting of Schuylkill Navigation Company. Stopped to see Thomas Williamson, who read me a copy of statement, given by him to Mr. P. McCall, of an interview between D. C. Wood, all his brothers, and himself on the occasion of the assignment, by David, of his property to his brothers. 1857.
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"Aug. 9th. Beautiful day. Went, with most of the family, to meeting. E. preached, addressing her audience principally upon their disposition to look after other people's faults and sins rather than their own, with some exemplifications from the Scriptures. Her sermons are generally practical, and not of that high, evangelical character which is so useful and beautiful in a preacher of Christ crucified.

"Aug. 16th. Reading. *Friends' Review* after morning Bible reading. In the evening read aloud a sermon of Dr. Chalmers's. Our daughter Julia, in coughing this morning, threw from her lungs a piece of filbert shell that had been lodged there for more than four years, causing continued ill health.

"Aug. 18th, *Astor House, New York*. Rose pretty early, and, finding a Bible in the chamber, read a short time before breakfast. Spent most of the day among the jobbers, selling them goods at reduced prices, and, by some effort, went over to Brooklyn. Left New York in the six P.M. train, and lodged in the city.

"Aug. 21st. Our neighbor Kempton, in School Lane, was robbed of his silver last night. Called upon Henry Crosby this morning, also on Consolidation Bank. Came out by the four and three-quarter train, and, with wife and daughters Mary and Julia, went up to pay a visit to Mr. John Welsh's family, and spent half an hour with Dr. Lowber and his wife. Bought ninety bales of cotton, at seventeen and a quarter cents.

"Aug. 22d. Drove in with wife, and, after some business in counting-room, went to Camden to see A. Browning.

1857. He told me he had refused to act for David, and had said to
 A. E. 58. him often that he could obtain nothing, and, therefore, he gave up the case. Came out by the 4.45 train.

"*Aug. 23d.* G. B. Wood, our nephew, paid us a visit, and communicated the intelligence of his marriage engagement with Julia Reeve; which was pleasant. Read some chapters in the evening.

"*Aug. 24th.* At bank for an hour; then at 104 Chestnut Street, and wrote letters. Business active. Dined at Jones's, and then to the three o'clock cars. Met wife and daughters on the way to E. Yarnall's; joined them, and had a pleasant drive there, and was gratified in going over his nice grounds. Left daughters Mary and Carrie, and returned about nine.

"*Aug. 28th.* One of the front window-shutters at Malvern forced open last night. Talked with D. C. Wood about the Millville estate, in which he intimated that he considered the property mine, but that the Chancellor was the only party to fix a rent for the water-power. Our daughters returned in the evening.

"*Sept. 1st.* With sons Edward, George, and Randolph left for Millville, and had a pleasant ride the whole way, the roads being good and the weather cool. Mr. Sharp agreed to aid my sons in surveying a piece of timber land along the Cinder Road, which I propose selling at public sale.

"*Sept. 6th.* Our daughter Carrie and her cousin Hannah Ann accompanied their uncle doctor on his return to Long Branch, to spend a week or ten days there. Walked this afternoon, with my two youngest sons, over the Wissahiccon, and upon the high ground by the railroad.

"*Sept. 12th.* Very uncomfortable business indications; best paper, worth one and a half to two per cent. per month. Looked over the ledger of Wood, Bacon & Company; find very large sums overdue and unpaid; uncomfortable appearance,—makes me wish to be out of business. Came out by the 6.45 train."

The views taken by my husband of mercantile honor and integrity were of the strictest kind, and he was very sensitive to anything that in the least affected them. Throughout his life he never failed to meet an engagement at maturity. He was rarely tempted to embark in anything that could seriously involve him, but, from his habit of keeping his means closely invested, on two occasions of extraordinary commercial stringency the engagements of his firms gave him some anxious thoughts. At this time of general panic, the affairs of Wood, Morrell & Co., complicated by the destruction of their extensive rolling-mill by fire, were the chief cause of his uneasiness.

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"Sept. 14th. Came in from Malvern with wife, in carriage, and, after looking round at Wood, Bacon & Company, went to bank, where the directors had considerable difficulty in distributing the income among the numerous applicants. Stated to Mr. Robins, the president, the impossibility to obtain money, and that we should have to rely upon him; to which he acceded as pleasantly as could be expected. Went to wharf for daughter Carrie, but she did not come.

"Sept. 16th. Daughter Carrie and her cousin Hannah Ann returned from Long Branch. An accident in driving to Malvern.

"Sept. 17th. Went in by 7.35 line, and, after several calls of urgency, went to bank, which made a greater reduction of discounts than I have ever seen. After the day's payments, felt much depressed by appearances of the future.

"Sept. 18th. Called, with brother Charles, upon Thomson, president, and succeeded in borrowing five thousand dollars from him for a few days. Obtained from Mullica Hill Railroad Company the money for one of their notes, at the rate of two per cent. per month. The demand for money increases, and failures for large amounts must soon ensue. Great loss of life and of gold by steamer Central America.

"Sept. 19th. Much anxiety about the results of payments. Called upon P. Howard, to talk about loans; also upon the

1857. Crane Iron Company. Not much encouragement, and had finally to rely upon the Philadelphia Bank to get through. Et. 58. Talked with E. Y. Townsend about going West to sell railroad iron; to which he agreed. Learned, in the evening, the failure of John Farnum & Co., Hacker, Lea & Co., T. P. Remington & Co., Milligan & Co., etc.

"*Sept. 21st.* Talked with C. S. W. about the arrangement of our finances. Went to bank; a tedious session, being chiefly upon the question whether the Bank of Penn. should be sustained. It resulted in a conclusion to take her bills on London secured by bills recoverable; which she gave. It is supposed General Patterson will be protested to-day.

"*Sept. 23d.* Much occupied at bank in consideration of the question of the banks continuing to receive notes of Pennsylvania Bank. It has the appearance of her going into liquidation. Oppressed for want of money, and more uncomfortable than I ever expected to be from that source. Remained in the city all night.

"*Sept. 24th.* Wrote to Messrs. McCall and Campbell, and went to bank, at which was stringent discount. Agitation in regard to taking notes of Bank of Pennsylvania, and the several presidents of the banks held long session, but without coming to a conclusion. Attended meeting of Schuylkill Navigation Company, at which was canvassed their financial condition.

"*Sept. 25th.* Came in, sister H. and Anna Massey accompanying me. Went, almost immediately, to bank, and found quite a number of persons drawing gold, in small quantities, which continued to increase as the day advanced; depositors drawing largely, and by three o'clock nearly two hundred thousand dollars were paid out in coin. Directors met in the afternoon, and agreed to suspend specie payments. Lodged in town; wife came to me.

"*Sept. 26th.* The feeling of the debtor community relieved this morning by the suspension. Much perplexity among the people for currency, but a feeling of general

satisfaction; I scarcely heard a complaint. A meeting of the presidents of the various banks was held, and a resolution settled to obtain legal relief, by calling upon the governor to convene the legislature. Came out to Malvern to sleep.

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"*Sept. 30th.* After being two days in New York, am much oppressed with the ugly appearance of business. Called upon the Manhattan Bank, and gave signature for opening an account. Saw Lockwood and several other parties about goods. Left, in the two o'clock line, for Philadelphia, and, finding my wife there, stayed in the city.

"*Oct. 1st.* The discount at bank was large and tedious; demand for money very large. A good deal agitated by the heavy payments to be made for my various firms, and the situation of Wood, Morrell & Co. While about writing a letter for that firm, my son came into the office from Germantown, to say that our daughter Carrie was thrown from her horse and was insensible.

"*Oct. 2d.* Went in by the 7.35 train, calling upon Mr. Coffin and Mr. Robins, and having an interview with L. Mulford about the Millville Bank. Went out by the eleven and a half train, and walked over, finding our daughter alive and still insensible. Drs. Wister and Rhoads were with her most of the time, and she gradually grew worse and breathed with more difficulty until near the end, when she gently ceased; thus passing, about seven o'clock, we trust, to a heavenly home.

"*Oct. 3d.* Many of our friends to see us. B. V. Marsh and G. B. Wood, Jr., to do errands of kindness. Dr. Elwyn and wife, Dr. Morris and wife, Dr. Wood, wife, and sister, Samuel Bettle, and John M. Whitall, and others have very kindly called upon us, to sympathize in our great loss. Samuel Bettle spoke some words of comfort and prayed. Our mother spent part of the day and returned to her home.

"*Oct. 5th.* Dr. Packard sat up last night with the remains

1857. } of our loved one. A number of sympathizing friends called
 Æt. 58. } upon us. Company met at three P.M. The dining-room
 was filled with the relatives of the family. [Thomas Evans
 spoke earnestly from Isaiah xl., 6 and 7: 'The voice said,
 Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass,
 and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:
 the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit
 of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.'
 Warning' all present, by the sad case before us, to be also
 ready.] Left the house at half-past four, and placed all that
 remained of Carrie in Germantown ground.* [Here the
 same gifted voice again commenced with the words of our
 dear Saviour to the mourning Martha: 'I am the Resurrec-
 tion and the Life: he that believeth in me, though he were
 dead yet shall he live: and whoso liveth and believeth in
 me shall never die.']

"Oct. 7th. Met sympathizing friends. Called upon
 Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank; upon North America Bank,
 and asked them for a loan of five thousand dollars per week,
 until the end of first week in December. The reception was
 civil, but the response not positive. Asked my friend John
 Welsh to call upon them for me. Many failures during the
 week. Wife received several sympathizing letters from her
 various friends on our great loss."

It was a severe trial to my husband to be compelled, by
 the sad state of mercantile affairs in general, to return imme-
 diately to the care of his own, and nothing, he told me, but
 the determined ignoring on his part of any expression from
 his friends of the sympathy he knew was flowing out to him
 everywhere, enabled him to meet them, and to go firmly
 and calmly through with what had to be done.

* Temporarily placed until the site for a burial-ground for the families of
 our brothers, Dr. and Charles S. Wood, and our own was selected in South
 Laurel Hill—where her precious dust now reposes in glorious hope.

"Oct. 8th. Wrote note to J. N. Dickson, of the North America Bank, and, after the board, obtained a favorable response. Tedious session at the Philadelphia Bank; discounted moderately. Went over to Camden, and had a long talk with the cashier of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank. Relief meeting in State-House yard. 1857.
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"Oct. 9th. Called on D. S. Brown & Co., to make some inquiries, and learned, to my great regret, that they had suspended; having, after mature consideration, deemed it best to do so. Returned to Malvern, with wife, having a sad ride.

"Oct. 10th. Spent an hour and a half at bank in looking at discounts and hearing applications for loans. Called upon W. L. Abbott and negotiated for renewal of a large loan made from him. Spent some time in the office of Wood, Morrell & Co., upon the return of Messrs. Oliver and Morrell from Providence, to consider the position of their affairs, and come to some conclusion as to their future course.

"Oct. 11th. Sons Richard and Edward went to meeting; the rest of us remaining at home,—I fear, on my part, from want of proper desire for worship of the Holy Being, to whom I owe life and hope of eternal happiness. I pray that my heart may be more warm in his love and fear. Dr. Wood dined with us.

"Oct. 12th. Went to bank with anxious feelings. Negotiated with W. L. Abbott for a loan. Talk with Robins, president, about my own position; which he heard very calmly, and promised aid. No improvement in matters to-day.

"Oct. 14th, *Millville*. Left after breakfast for Bridgeton, where I saw J. T. Nixon, and his brother, the cashier, from whom I obtained a draft on the city. Reached Phila. about half-past two. Felt gloomy all day, from the prospects, at Millville, in suspension of work; but on reaching the city revived, by the course which events had taken. Failed to get into my own house to sleep, and lodged at Dr. Wood's.

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ÆT. 58. "Oct. 15th. Breakfasted at Jones's; went to bank; had a long session, and find that being a debtor makes me feel that I do not hold the position I should. Wrote to wife by son, and feel sad at being thus kept from her for the greater part of a week.

"Oct. 16th. Slept in town; very soon went to bank. Much distress manifested by the debtors. Felt greatly anxious for the results of the day, as regards Wood, Morrell & Co.'s affairs, which, however, went off without protest.

"Oct. 17th. An hour at bank; some applications for aid. Went over to Camden to see the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank about a discount; which they treated favorably. Dined at Dr. Wood's, in company with Dr. Dickson, of Charleston. Went out to Malvern in the six o'clock Germantown train, and was met at depot by wife.

"Oct. 19th. At bank; a long session, having great labor in making up and arranging for debts. In the afternoon, at a meeting of merchants, to bring a pressure upon the banks to increase their discount lines. Met Morrell, and other partners of Wood, Morrell & Co., for the purpose of arranging their claims against the Pennsylvania Railroad.

"Oct. 22d. Introduced son Edward to P. McCall, with a view to his becoming his student. At bank; a long session, discounting. Some time at Cambria Iron Company, in settling its concerns to close the business the lessees had with Pennsylvania Railroad.

"Oct. 23d. Reduced the compensation of the clerks in the store about one-third. Spent most of the evening at the rooms of Union Benevolent Society.

"Oct. 26th. Spent some time over the discount-table. The scarcity of money and the great demand continues. At special meeting of the Schuylkill Navigation Company on the subject of deferring the installment of the boat loan. Greene came up to confer about the cotton-mill, which for some time has been running half-time. In the evening wife reading me some essays of our dear Carrie's.

"Oct. 27th. Spent an hour at bank. Agreed to continue to run the cotton-mill on half-time. To carry out the plan, bought twenty-seven bales of cotton. The general gloom in commercial matters continues, and the effect is being shown in the indifference of parties to their mercantile character. 1857.
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"Oct. 28th. Some scruples about neglecting to go to meeting, and hope I may be forgiven, if attention to business has been sin. Talked with S. Colwell about our mutual contracts with Wells for Brooklyn; then spent some time at bank, and in the afternoon attended, with directors, to the counting of the cash of the institution. Very little, if any, improvement in money matters.

"Oct. 30th. Spent some time during the morning in looking into the affairs of several insolvents, one or two of whom are not so bad as I feared; but show a recklessness in regard to profits. It seems to be decided that the Bank of Pennsylvania is to be thrown out of the association, its notes not received by them. Went, after tea, to see the remains of George Randolph's infant daughter.

"Nov. 4th. At store early, and wrote a few letters, then to meeting.

"Nov. 5th. Spent two hours at Philadelphia Bank board, then to the Pennsylvania Life and Trust, and completed negotiations for twenty thousand dollars. Arranged to leave for New York at five, stopping for night at New Brunswick.

"Nov. 6th. Left New Brunswick in the seven o'clock train for New York. Called upon Lyman & Co., and left some notes with them; left some with Manhattan Bank, on deposit. Went over to Brooklyn, and had conversation with Wells in relation to our contract for pipe. Stopped at Astor House, and called upon various jobbers to inquire standing and to get settlements.

"Nov. 9th. There is much ease in the money market, but,

1857. as yet, moneyholders are afraid to come out, and the banks
Æt. 58. are the chief loaners. Dr. Wood comes every evening to see our son Walter.

"Nov. 11th. Wife and children drove out to Malvern, and found the house and grounds in good condition. There appears to be a lull in financial affairs.

"Nov. 13th. Met at bank, to hear the president's report of his daily work. Called at Wood, Morrell & Co., to learn the result of a negotiation with a Mr. Whitten (railroad broker) for rails. Bought two hundred tons of pig iron, of Cotton and Kelton, for twenty dollars, a lower price than for five years. Called upon T. Williamson, to thank him for the testimony he gave, yesterday, in the case of Wood *versus* Wood.

"Nov. 18th. Had a talk with M. Newkirk about the payment of his notes that I hold, belonging to Wood, Morrell & Co. Mind a good deal occupied as to the best mode of supplying the mill with cotton for the winter. Called upon D. S. Brown, and had a long talk with him about conducting the mill for next year. He wishes to print goods. Went, with wife, to spend a short time with our brother George.

"Nov. 19th. Spent two hours at the board of Philadelphia Bank; the difficulty of arranging for suspended paper making the delay. The consideration of the purchase of cotton has occupied much of the day; have made some orders from Charleston, and Columbus, Georgia. E. Y. Townsend returned from Johnstown, and reports the affairs of Wood, Morrell & Co. in better shape, and, we hope, with a fair prospect of future success.

"Nov. 21st. Was called upon by Wood, Morrell & Co., to talk to Mr. Anderson, an engineer from Tennessee, in relation to a contract he made with them, which his principal seems disposed to repudiate. Occupied pretty much of the day in arranging my own finances and in listening to the wants of others, who expect aid through bank. There is no indication of a cessation of this kind of employment.

"*Nov. 23d.* The arrival of disastrous news from England, growing out of the want of remittances from the United States, has produced some reaction in the beginning of an improvement. The death of John Grigg's daughter, suddenly, to-day, brings our own sorrows to memory. 1857.
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"*Nov. 25th.* Money negotiations are a large part of my daily duties, and made so from the large sums to pay without adequate means. Son Edward at introductory of Professor Metcalfe. Beginning Doddridge's *Rise and Progress of Religion*, which I intend again carefully to peruse.

"*Dec. 7th.* At bank, and passed the notes; doing a moderate business. Went to board of Schuylkill Navigation Company; had conversation about the formation of a new board, bringing in Moncure Robinson. Some of my anxieties have vanished, in regard to Wood, Morrell & Co., from the result of this day's contracts with one of the Missouri railroads, and a notice from a president of a Tennessee road that he wants about four thousand tons. This, I trust, places them on firm ground.

"*Dec. 8th.* Greater part of the morning in counting-room; thence to bank, and from there to Allentown Iron Company. Rode to Lancaster Street to see if curbing was done on the lot running through to Second Street; and found it to be so. Read the message of President Buchanan to Congress, which is somewhat tedious, but clear enough on points he approves, such as Pacific Railroad and tariff.

"*Dec. 9th.* Wife is calmer, and regaining some of her usual cheerfulness. The grief for our dear departed may be softened, but not forgotten.

"*Dec. 11th.* The memory of our daughter Caroline beautifies every day; her modest demeanor concealed a strong and highly intellectual and cultivated mind.

"*Dec. 12th.* The banks of New York resume specie payments, thus taking their stand upon a metallic basis; which may result in general good, but may cause further mercantile prostration.

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"*Dec. 14th.* At bank ; at which was small income, and still smaller discount,—produced by the resumption of the New York banks ; which will tend to bring about the same result here. Felt oppressed at the prospect of heavy payments this week, with small means. Upon going to meet D. C. Wood at the auditors, found McCall had deserted him, and Judge Conrad was substituted.

"*Dec. 17th.* Wife, son Richard, and our sister Juliana F., went to South Laurel Hill to select a lot for our joint use, for the interment of our families. They succeeded. Uncle R. Randolph to spend the evening.

"*Dec. 27th.* Wife read me from the journal left by our Carrie ; which is deeply interesting to both of us. It is written with naïveté and much thoughtfulness.

"*Dec. 31st.* At bank ; tedious session, and moderate discount. Troubled by being short of money to pay notes and meet engagements. Brother Charles went to New York to meet Stevenson, president of railroad in Tennessee, to treat for the sale of iron. Wrote letter for him to the president of the Richmond and Danville (Virginia) Road. Mr. Anderson, engineer of several railroads in Tennessee, called to talk about purchases of iron for them.

"The remembrance of this year will long continue with me. It has been full of commercial losses and difficulties, owing to an immense contraction in the currency in the last half of the year ; and in the first half from having to meet engagements that were entered into without sufficient consideration.

"The value of investments of every description has fallen greatly. The rise in cotton, and reduction in the prices of manufactured goods, caused the working of the mill to be unprofitable, and, added to the loss by sales to parties who have become bankrupt, rendered this part of my business almost disastrous.

"The breaking down of Wells & Co., contractors for

putting up the water-works of Brooklyn, whom we have large contracts to supply with pipe, has greatly embarrassed this branch of my business, and the entire loss of the schooner 'Martha,' with a full load of pipe, on her way to Brooklyn, has added over five thousand dollars to the other losses of that concern; while I have also been involved to a large extent with Wood, Morrell & Co., who have suffered greatly by the destruction of railroad credits. All these, however, I hope to bear without regret, and to overcome by assiduous attention to my business.

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"High rates of interest have been a marked feature of this year, and the general loss of confidence in all commercial centres has caused more failures among merchants than the aggregate of a third of a century.

"Domestic affliction has also entered our household. The line of our sons and daughters, more than twenty years unbroken, has been invaded, and the favorite of the whole flock, the beloved companion of the elder, the example and teacher of the younger, has been taken from us. The loss of our Caroline will be the leading feature in our sorrows, unless God, in his wisdom, thinks us not sufficiently chastened by this great deprivation. Of gentle and quiet manners, of studious and thoughtful habits, having the power of acquiring easily, and retaining well, and the disposition to investigate fully every subject that she attempted to learn, she gained the respect of all, and exercised an amount of influence over others, of which they were not fully aware until she was taken from them. Her humor and playful mirth, occasionally indulged, never lessened her dignity, while they increased the love of all connected with her.

"Her death, apparently accidental, was, no doubt, in the ordering of Divine Providence, and its suddenness almost prevented the realization of it. Leaving her chamber, where she had been sitting painting, she mounted a gray horse we had for a few months kept for riding, and

1857. which, though a little timid, was by no means vicious.
Æt. 58. She passed out of the gate at Malvern [telling the servant not to close it, as she would soon be back, characteristically stopping to pat on the head and speak kindly to a little child, who, in some trouble, stood where the sidewalk was so elevated above the road as to admit of her doing so]. She rode down School-house Lane to the Township Line Road, and was returning home, when a miller's cart was driven rapidly behind her, and this, with a large fire for burning rubbish in Mr. Senat's grounds, frightened the horse, and not being quite well, and naturally timid, we suppose she fainted, and in that state fell from the horse, striking the left side of her head [where a scarcely perceptible scratch was her only visible injury], the fall producing a concussion of the brain and entire insensibility. She was immediately taken up by some of our kind neighbors and brought home [where it is a great comfort to us, that she promptly had the best of medical advisers, Drs. Owen Wister and James Rhoads, one or other of whom remained with her until the end]. She breathed, without any other symptom of life, for twenty-four hours, and then left this world, no doubt for a better, as her journal and her letters to her friends show, very plainly, that a prevailing feeling of her mind was the necessity of a preparation for it, through reliance on her Saviour.

" Her mother wishes to collect her letters, and intends to preserve, with a mother's love, all the relics of her she can procure. The loss we sustain in this lovely daughter is irreparable. Resignation we know is our duty to our heavenly Father, who, in his wisdom, has taken her to Himself. He does all things right, and we, as feeble, finite creatures, should not ask the reason why, but bow in submission, and be ourselves more watchful and prayerful in our future lives.



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"*Jan. 1st.* Dined with wife, and brothers and their wives, at Dr. Wood's. Left after dinner, wife not feeling able to meet company, owing to our affliction. 1858. Æt. 58.

"*Jan. 7th.* At bank, with a good income; but, being indebted largely to the banks, discounted but little. H. Henderson returned from his Western trip of over three months, reporting a general solvency of our debtors. The question of resumption of specie payments by our banks is the prominent financial and commercial question of the day. The price of gold is proof that there would be no danger.

"*Jan. 8th.* Occupied part of the morning in getting at the price of iron and cotton, both of which are much lower than six months since,—the first nearly four per cent., the latter about two per cent. My wife has numbers of sympathizing friends calling upon her. They show, evidently, that our departed daughter had made an impression on them, by her quiet but intelligent life and manners.

"*Jan. 16th.* Worried with the prospect of large payments and small receipts; begin to be anxious to be free from financial responsibilities.

"*Jan. 22d.* Occupied by the business of the cotton-mill more than usual. I find the business of 1857 will terminate in no profits, perhaps not pay interest. It is now promising better. Spent about two hours at the office of the Union Benevolent Society. Its affairs are managed well, but are in a small way. Read with interest the report of the New York Union Benevolent Society.

"*Feb. 3d.* This day the formal renewal of specie payments
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1858. was put into effect. A result brought about much sooner than was anticipated. Edward Yarnall's wife and three daughters to tea, and himself to spend the evening.

Feb. 9th. After making some money negotiations for the wants of the day, went to the meeting of the Insurance Company of North America, and spent an hour. Called on Wood, Morrell & Co. to look after their engagements. Prevented attending a discourse, by A. D. Bache, by a special meeting of the Union Benevolent Association, at which I presided.

Feb. 20th. Went to the funeral of Jane Clark. Walked to the ground in Arch Street during a heavy snow. Talked with T. Robins about the purchase of the building of the Bank of Pennsylvania, in case it was sold by the assignees. Our son George came home on account of a lump on his eyelid, which looks as if it should be opened.

Feb. 25th. At bank, and had a moderate discount, the application being less than the income. Quite a demand for the productions of the cotton-mill; but at reduced profits, and with but little margin for rebuilding when it wears out. The care necessary to carry on manufactories with safety and profit must be constant.

Feb. 27th. Met Allentown Iron Company committee. It approved the report in favor of continuing the carrying on of the works. The decision was contrary to my judgment, and makes me incline to sell out.

March 2d. Saw in the morning paper the burning of a steamer on the Ohio, that has fifty bales of cotton of mine, worth three thousand dollars, on board, and without insurance. This is the second important loss I have suffered by omitting to insure. It seems bad policy to have amounts so large uncovered.

March 4th. Important indications for business in the number of arrivals from the West, though much below the average for years. At bank; the offering was smaller than the income,—a great reversal in a few months. The bank

proposes to invest one hundred thousand dollars in treasury notes. A great speech was delivered in the Senate of the United States, by Seward, of New York, on the Kansas question,—in the *North American* to-day. Dr. Wood and wife to tea.

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"*March 16th.* Paid Mr. McCall three hundred dollars for the legal tuition of my son Edward, and took receipt. Met the board of Allentown Iron Company, and discussed their difficulties. There is a strong religious excitement pervading this city as well as many others in the Union. Public prayer-meeting held daily at Jayne's Hall.

"*March 31st.* Son George returned to Haverford, after spending about three weeks with us on account of a lump on his ankle, which has required frequent blistering, and is yet far from well.

"*April 6th.* Occupied in counting-room. At twelve, to Insurance Company of North America; and from there to Allentown Iron Company. That concern wears a brighter aspect, with a fair hope of success. Left at five P.M. for New York.

"*April 12th.* A very moderate demand for money. A plan for a new building for the bank was offered to-day, and much anxiety expressed by some of the directors to be in earnest in the erection. I do not feel ready, looking forward to the purchase of the banking-house of the Bank of Pennsylvania. The death of Thomas Benton took place on Saturday. Have been interested in reading *The Christ of History*, by Rev. J. Young, an Episcopal clergyman.

"*April 13th.* Left in the Camden boat. At Woodbury got into the Bridgeton stage. Dined; saw Nixon; left for Millville, getting there in time to look at bleachery, which is just on the eve of starting. Walked about the various works, which are in a pretty fair state.

"*April 15th.* Went to Bridgeton in the stage; saw T. J. Nixon; then got into the Philadelphia stage, and reached

1858. the city by the cars. Spent some time at store to look after
the movements in my absence, coming home to tea with
my family. Sat up till three in the morning making out
accounts.

April 19th. At bank; very moderate application. Met committee on banking-house, and made no movement of importance. Dr. P. F. Mayer buried this afternoon; wife and son R. at funeral. Dudley Tyng, son of the eminent clergyman, at the point of death from the amputation of his arm, made necessary by a wound received from a corn-sheller.

April 20th. The Friends are having a most unpleasant week for their Yearly Meeting; but I learn that they are getting on with more than their accustomed harmony, probably because without any question to call up contrariety of opinion. Wrote to D. J. Morrell on the subject of a strike among the workmen at Johnstown, stating that it should be brought to a stop.

April 21st. Occupied with my finances until after twelve, when I went to the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and spent about an hour with the board. In the afternoon, examined the accounts in the book of H. Henderson, who starts in a few days for the Southwest to collect. Spent the evening with wife and daughter Julia and son Walter at our brother Charles's.

April 28th. Went to Brooklyn; talked with Henry Wells, who says they want to buy more pipe. Went to Hoboken at twelve, at which time the bids for pipe were open. Sold some paper at six per cent. Returned by the four train, and found the owners of the Packer coal land meeting at my house.

April 29th. Moderate discount; very little first-class paper offering. Was appointed on dividend committee. Quite a demand springing up for the products of my cotton-mill,—the goods selling before finishing, and the old stock all sold. My brother Charles reports a resumption of work at Cambria, without compromise. Our cousins Justice to tea.

"*May 1st.* Decided to change thirty-inch looms to thirty-nine, as now best for the interests of the mill. Attended dividend committee of the Philadelphia Bank, which determined to settle at four per cent. 1858.
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"*May 11th.* Spent the day in making some collections, without any constant engagement, feeling some relief in not being pressed by what I had to do. I trust I shall feel a satisfaction in becoming free from debt, and enjoy a rational and Christian leisure, which will not be idleness.

"*May 20th.* At bank. The business is much lessened from the want of good paper to discount; the rates for paper of first character being even lower than five per cent. A strike among the boatmen and the miners has nearly stopped the coal trade, which has been some time languishing. The making of passenger railroads is the hobby at present.

"*May 23d.* Went, with wife and children, to see the baby of our brother George, which they call by the name of our loved daughter, Caroline. This day would have completed her twentieth year.

"*May 26th.* Called to see Mr. Emile Geyelin about going to Millville, to put in some turbine wheels, and agreed to let him know on Monday, when I would go down. Had a talk with McCullen about Tucker's country-seat.

"*May 27th.* At bank; a small offering and fair income. Bought of Crane Iron Company one thousand tons of pig iron at nineteen dollars and fifty cents, cash. Wife and daughter Mary report their having been attending the Episcopal Convention, now sitting in this city, which has been balloting for assistant bishop most of the day, but without success,—the candidates of the high and low divisions being of nearly the same strength.

"*May 28th.* This has been an exciting day in Episcopal Convention; after balloting something like fifteen times, have been unable to elect a bishop,—the candidates having a tie vote.

1858. *June 3d.* At bank, and then went to St. Luke's Church, to see Dr. J. H. Packard married to Lizzie Wood, by Rev. Dr. Howe. After the ceremony, walked down to our brother Charles's, kissed the bride, and congratulated them upon the event; they left for a tour to the East at two o'clock.

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June 23d. In the afternoon, rode out with wife and daughter Julia, to see the grave of our Carrie; found the headstones put up.

June 24th. Received D. C. Wood's account from A. Browning; took copy and returned the original. Son Edward and daughter, Mary visited Carrie's grave,—taking some flowers to plant.

June 27th. Spent the day in the quietest mode possible. Was interested by the song of a cardinal-bird in Dr. Wood's garden.

June 29th. Went on board the steamer Express, Captain Wells, with wife, daughter Julia, and son Walter, for Greenwich,—arriving about two o'clock, having had a very pleasant run. Went to Dr. Wood's, and called upon a number of our relations.

July 1st, Millville. Breakfast about five, started for Cape Island. Stopped a few minutes at Well's tavern, Dennisville; took a wrong road, and instead of going to the Court-house, stopped at Holmes's an hour; then drove to Congress Hall, Cape Island, West & Thompson, landlords, and settled in good rooms at one hundred and fifteen dollars per week, including son and daughter, who come to-morrow.

July 2d. Walked to look at bathers, and spent most of the day to but little profit,—chiefly in reading newspapers and calling upon N. Randolph and wife, who left at two o'clock. Daughter Mary, Son Edward, Mary Naronha and her mother came by Balloon steamer to-day.

July 4th. After a bath in the ocean and breakfast, left, in stage, to steamer Boston, and went in her to the city,—a run of eight hours.

"*July 6th.* Occupied during the morning in making financial arrangements for an absence of a few days ; in the afternoon, in buying cotton, writing letters of business, and one to my son Richard, directed to Indianapolis. On coming home to dinner, found my little Stuart, and decided to take him to Cape Island to-morrow. 1858.
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"*July 9th.* Took wife and Stuart into bathe before breakfast. Settled bill at hotel to dinner on the twelfth, inclusive. After dinner left, in carriage, for home, taking wife and daughter Julia. Dusty drive to Court-house, where we had a very nice tea from a new landlord and pretty young wife. Drove to Dennisville to lodge, and passed an uncomfortable night at Ludlow's.

"*July 10th.* Left at six, and had a very hot, unpleasant ride to Port Elizabeth, finding the green-head flies very bad. Stopped an hour, talked with Joshua Brick, and left for Millville. Dusty, heavy roads. Arrived before twelve, seeing most of the persons with whom I had business.

"*July 17th.* Comfortably situated at N. Pratt's, Delaware County ; clean, pleasant rooms, and enough of them. Went, with Mary and the younger children, to collect raspberries in the woods ; gathered about two quarts. Spent the remainder of the day in a sleepy kind of reading.

"*July 18th.* Spent most of the day in the house. The quiet of the place is impressive,—no ramblers, scarcely a vehicle, except one or two churchward ; no noise but the notes of the birds, the chirping of the insects, and the low of the cattle. Left, in the six P.M. train, for the city, reaching there in an hour and a half.

"*July 19th.* At bank ; very moderate income and offering ; the demand for money without animation. Suffering very much for the last twenty-four hours from dyspepsia, being full of pain through the right side, in the region of the liver.

"*July 20th.* Upon looking into the business of the cotton-mill, I find for the first year it had made about fifteen per cent. on cost. The second, year it is probable that the final

1858. result will be a small loss. This year promises something better, but without anything flattering. Cars running for the first time on the West Philadelphia Railroad, as far down as Third Street.

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"*July 23d.* Went to office, and, after providing for the payment of State tax, left with wife and son George, in carriage, for N. Pratt's. Frederick came from Philadelphia, to inform me that the bleachery at Millville was burned the evening previous.

"*July 25th, Millville.* Went to the Methodist meeting. Mr. Crait preached a plain, practical sermon. There seems to be a very strong impression that the burning of the bleachery is attributable to —, who has left.

"*July 27th.* At the Philadelphia—to see the state of bank. Met board of Insurance Company of North America. Called upon Jos. Cabot, to suggest making him president of board of Allentown Iron Company. Left with wife, at four, in West Chester cars, for Pratt's, and reached there in about an hour and a half. H. Henderson gave me reason to think he is engaged to be married.

"*July 28th.* Took the eight o'clock train for Philadelphia, then the five p.m. train for New York. Stopped at the Astor, and wrote to wife, at eleven at night.

"*July 29th.* Went to Brooklyn, and saw Wells & Co., and found the 'Alvira' was there. Bought ninety-two bales of cotton, at twelve and three-fourths. Called upon several jobbers, and sold some muslins. The Manhattan Bank discounted about ten thousand dollars for me, at five per cent. Left for Philadelphia by four o'clock line, and reached before nine.

"*Aug. 5th.* The intelligence of the safe arrival at Trinity Bay, of the Niagara, with the telegraph cable, reached the city to-day. It is suspected by many to be a hoax, while the majority think it true. Wrote to wife.

"*Aug. 7th.* Completed the negotiation with the Northern

Liberties Bank for twenty thousand dollars, and made a new one with Newbold & Aertsen for eighteen thousand dollars, both at five per cent. Doubts as to the truth of the success of the Atlantic Telegraph, until about two o'clock, when a despatch was received from C. Field, which put the question at rest. Went with son Richard, by the four o'clock train, to Pratt's.

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"*Aug. 14th.* After breakfast, started with wife, sons George, Randolph, and Stuart, and, passing Concordville, took the road to Chester, where we found the horses, and looked at the town; then took 'the king's old highway' towards Wilmington, down past the settlement, near Mr. Clemson's church, and, just at 'The Practical Farmer' Inn, turned towards Pennsylvania, and, passing Pleasant Hill, reached Pratt's before four o'clock,—a charming drive.

"*Aug. 15th.* Came to the city, bringing son Randolph, for the purpose of going to Millville with me, the state of his health being very feeble and peculiar,—a great depression of spirits, falling off of flesh, and pains in the chest and stomach.

"*Aug. 25th.* Dr. Norris called to see our boys. Pronounced it dangerous to open the lump on George's ankle, and that Randolph has something like liver complaint. Talked with C. H. Fisher about the union of Reading Railroad and Schuylkill Navigation Company. He thinks it impracticable under Cullen's administration."

A letter of the 30th, from New York, says:

"DEAR WIFE,—It is something of a novelty to spend First day from my family, or, at least, from any part of it, and I feel as if something was absent that is necessary to my content. It is certainly undesirable to be placed in such a position. A business matter that I had expected to be done by another, and which had to be finished on the last day of this month, rendered it necessary for me to leave home yesterday; which I did in the ten o'clock train.

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"An ascent of ninety-five steps led me to the sixth story of the Astor, where I found a good bed, and was in condition for a sound sleep. After breakfast I concluded to go to Trinity Church, but having seated myself in the parlor at eight, a person whom I knew and who wished to impress me with the importance of a matter that he had much at heart, seated himself alongside me, and entered on the subject with all the earnestness of an enthusiast.

"Before he got through it was after eleven, and deeming it too late for church, I got into a car,—the passenger railroad here runs all Sunday,—and rode for about five miles to end of the city, which terminates in a little village called Yorkville. Here the Central Park begins, and it covers, I suppose, more than five hundred acres. Four thousand men are said to be employed upon it.

"Within its bounds are the reservoirs that contain the water coming from the Croton River, which supply hydrants for the use of more than half a million of people. The Park is now a mass of rock,—some of it covered with earth and some as bare as those that have been washed by the Niagara for thousands of years. When finished it will be a magnificent object, and if we become inhabitants of New York we can find a spot on its borders that will satisfy our ambition, and from which, I presume, both North and East Rivers can be seen. It is when I am in this city and see all the conveniences for transacting business, the amount to be done and the ease in doing it, the success of those who have properly attended to it, that I am brought to sympathize in that expression of feeling of thine, that we have let the time of fruition pass by, and spent the vigor of our lives in pursuit of the ability to enjoy, and reached the period when it is too late to change. With my present knowledge, were I twenty years younger, I certainly should pull up all the stakes that I have driven, and replant them on this island.

"Regret for not having done this does not enter into my thoughts, and I ought to be, and I trust I am, satisfied with

what Providence has given me; and if I am allowed to retain the wife of my bosom, and the olive branches that have grown up around our table, I should be among the most grateful of his creatures, and bow in submission for the lovely one He has taken from us. In looking forward to future enjoyments in this life, the absence of the one who had so entwined herself around our hearts, always embitters such prospect, and, while time may close the wound, it can never sweeten the cup into which that bitterness has been mingled. Let it be borne with resignation."

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"*Aug. 31st.* Much business in Market Street. In the afternoon attended the funeral of Josiah Dawson, an old neighbor, in his eighty-sixth year, who is said to have left a fortune of four hundred thousand dollars,—much of it to charities. Wrote to wife to say that I had returned from New York, and expected to see her on Sixth day evening. Son Richard, who has just returned from Nathaniel Randolph's, reports that his family thought him better, although he thinks himself that he will not get well.

"*Sept 4th.* After breakfast, started with wife, sons Randolph and Walter, and daughter Julia, for Dr. Elwyn's. Stopped at Osborne Hill, and saw its occupants. Returning, met our son Richard, who came out to inform us of the sudden change in the disease of his uncle Nat. After dinner we drove in, bringing Richard and Randolph. On reaching home, found that Nathaniel died about twelve o'clock. Walked up to the house. His mother and brother Samuel were there.

"*Sept. 5th.* After dinner, went to the funeral of our brother Nat., which met at his house in Green Street, and at four left for the Woodlands.

"*Sept. 16th.* By request, B. V. Marsh, L. W. Hayward, H. Henderson, and E. Y. Townsend, met at my house, and

1858. discussed the form of partnership for 1859, to succeed the
 firm of Wood, Bacon & Co.

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"*Sept. 17th.* Bought cotton, at thirteen and three-fourth cents, to send to Millville. Was called upon by T. H. Whitney, to say that a committee of the West Jersey Railroad would meet me on the 22d, at my office, to confer about the extension of their road. In the evening, went up with wife to Jos. Bacon's, on the occasion of the death of their infant son Arthur.

"*Sept. 18th.* Took an early dinner, and drove with wife to Haverford, taking Julia and Walter. Found George and Randolph on the lawn, at cricket. This game, now coming very much into use, is probably beneficial, from the amount of out-door exercise it gives.

"*Sept. 25th.* Occupied chiefly about the store and counting-room, in seeing how business progressed, and to keep myself, to use an appropriate phrase, 'posted up' as to the state of my affairs. The weather has made a moderate fire agreeable, and the sunshine is sought when out-of-doors. The comet is quite full and brilliant this evening.

"*Oct. 1st.* Had a talk with F. Fraley about the business of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and its probable results in relation to the preferred stock. No dividend apparently on that this year. In the afternoon, drove out with wife, daughter Mary, and sons Walter and Stuart, to see the grave of our loved daughter Caroline, it being a year to-day since she fell from the horse.

"*Oct. 2d.* D. C. Wood brought me a note from Browning, saying I must have my accounts at his office on Monday. I went over to see him, telling him I could not come; he asked me to write a letter to that effect; which I did on my return, fixing Friday as a day that would suit me. Talked with E. G. Peabody about the new partnership; he did not seem disappointed.

"*Oct. 7th.* Finished sketch of agreement for Wood, Marsh

& Hayward, and showed it to several members of the firm. 1858.
 Rebecca Bacon, wife of Richard, seized with paralysis last
 evening, with alarming symptoms. Æt. 59.

• "Oct. 10th. Meetings were very quiet; hope all present were better employed than myself, as worldly matters occupied too many of my thoughts. Excepting the hours of meeting, the day was spent, in the arm-chair, reading *Friends' Review*, and *Littell's Living Age*.

"Oct. 15th. Left for Millville in carriage, taking wife and son Stuart, and Harriet for cook. Found the condition of the house pleasant, and wife pleased. Considerable progress in digging the pit for the new wheel.

"Oct. 17th. Went to Methodist meeting, and heard an eloquent sermon from Mr. Kline, from Bridgeton. It was communion; we found ourselves in the way, and retired. I do not think it a command of the gospel.

"Oct. 19th. Called at bank, and had a talk with L. Mulford about loan to pay hands, at five per cent.; he did not relish the rates. Walked with D. Biggs to swamp, which he proposed putting in cranberries. In afternoon, drove wife to Union Mill, and found the water in the pond lower than I ever saw it.

"Oct. 21st. Gave Sharp specification for clearing. Agreed with W. Charlesworth to cut hoops. Had talk with Greene and McNeal about raising the foundry building, and decided the mode. I feel strong interest in the improvement of the large landed estate at Millville, and look forward to a rapid advance in its value.

"Oct. 27th. Sister Hannah informed us of her engagement with David Scull; they are to marry as soon as the necessary forms will admit.

"Nov. 12th. Dr. Randolph left for the city, closing our business connection. Rode up to the Union, then across Parvin's Branch; came home by the Horse Bridge Road. Talked with Kemble about gas-works, and said to Sharp and

1858. McNeal I wished them to start the company. Drove with wife; a want of proper care in putting the tongue in the hounds caused the horses to start, and they were stopped by driving into the gutter,—a providential escape.

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"*Nov. 27th.* Returned from Millville; I find the City Councils have decided to take down the market houses in Market Street, and have passed the Arch Street Railway bill.

"*Dec. 3d.* At the funeral of Charles Handy, who died professing his assurance of salvation by the atonement of Christ. Attended the lecture of Professor Boynton on geology, and was highly interested. Went from there, with wife, to see uncle R. Randolph, who has had a fall.

"*Dec. 7th.* Went to the funeral of wife of Quintin Campbell, and heard sermon by Rev. Albert Barnes, giving her a high character. Attended meeting of the Allentown Iron Company, under brighter prospects than formerly. Went, with wife and daughter, to second lecture of Dr. Boynton, on the crust of the earth. A little too much disposition in the lecturer to be witty.

"*Dec. 14th.* At meeting of board of North America Insurance Company it was asked if the appearance of war should influence our rates of insurance, but rejected at once.

"*Dec. 21st.* Went, with wife, to be photographed, and hope the artists will succeed. In the evening, went to hear Horace Mann read a lecture, which is one of the strongest pieces of satire I have heard.

"*Dec. 24th.* At the Union Benevolent Society. Wife put up a Christmas-tree, and invited several little children and a few particular friends to enjoy it. My only Christmas present a pair of hose from daughter Mary (knit by herself from fine cotton).

"*Dec. 25th.* A clear, cold Christmas; thermometer twenty-two degrees. Went to see A. Browning about a draft of bill

for railroad from Millville to Winslow. Rode, with wife and three children, in the West Philadelphia cars to the Butcher's Association Hotel, seeing the road for the first time. After tea, received despatch from Millville, saying the store there was burned down. 1858.
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"Dec. 27th. Left the city with wife and sons Edward and Walter, crossing to Gloucester. Dined at Franklinville, and reached Millville little after three o'clock. Found the destruction of the cotton-mill store by fire almost entire; whole loss about twelve thousand dollars,—about half of it belongs to me. [Through the presence of mind of F. F. Sharp, a keg of gunpowder was safely brought out of this building, probably avoiding a much greater amount of injury.]

"Dec. 29th. Snowed all day. Spent the morning in the clearing, with Andrew Sharp; the afternoon, with Greene in the mill, examining the question of machinery and in determining the quantity to order. Signed lease with R. Langley, and in the evening agreed, with Holt and Thompson, to go on with the store again, for which I am to build them a house.

"Dec. 31st. On going down from dinner, found Henry Henderson had arrived from Texas, and prepared to sign an agreement for new firm. Went to Philadelphia Bank, where I found Mr. Comegys, the cashier, and made an arrangement for him to remain at bank until I could bring securities and place in his hands, to enable him to mark a check good for two hundred thousand dollars, to be placed, as capital, in the firm of R. Wood,* Marsh & Hayward, which, having been effected, I went with B. V. Marsh, and having given him the check, Mr. Comegys marked it good, and the whole concern of us went to St. G. T. Campbell's and signed all the papers relative to the partnership. Mr. Marsh took the necessary affidavits of the cash being in hand, and went to the newspapers to have inserted the proper advertisements of

* Our son Richard.

1858. the new firm, and the dissolution of the old; thus terminating my active interests in a concern in which I have been the prominent partner for *more than thirty-five years*. Whether I shall live to see the termination of the special partnership now made for five years is only known to Him in whose hands are the destinies of all. I pray to God that I may be as ready to part from this life, when He chooses I shall go, as I am now to resign the place I have held so long in the firm that is this day dissolved.

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"*Jan. 1st.* Met all my partners this morning, who seem pleased with their new arrangement. Went with wife to Dr. Wood's New-Year dinner, and spent the afternoon and evening there with company, principally our nephews, nieces, and a few intimate friends. 1859.
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"*Jan. 4th.* Met the board of the Allentown Iron Company; affairs work better with them. The Arch Street Railroad Company laid the square between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets yesterday; stopped by snow to-day.

"*Jan. 5th.* The occupation of the day has been chiefly the marriage of sister Hannah to David Scull. It was a solemn meeting; prayer by Regina Shober, and sermon by Elizabeth Evans,—both appropriate. After meeting, went to brother Horatio's and lunched with a large party.

"*Jan. 6th.* At bank; a very small offering, and free discounting. J. McNeal in the city, preparing for the making of vertical pipe. Dr. Wood and wife, Isaac Tyson, G. B. Shepard and wife to tea. Talked with George about the management of his farm, and the politics of his neighborhood. A great crowd of track-layers making second track on Arch Street.

"*Jan. 11th.* At meeting of Broad Top Coal Company; after some debate, agreed to my *pro rata* share of one hundred thousand dollars, to release the company from debt. Went to Camden, to talk with A. Browning about the bill of the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad, which he prepared for me. Went to Mercantile Library, to vote for managers.

"*Jan. 16th.* Dr. Thomas, of Baltimore, preached in both

1859. meetings. Long sermons; logical, demonstrative, and lecture-like in manner and in tone,—seldom rising into anything like passion or enthusiasm, and hardly stirring his hearers.

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"*Jan. 19th, Millville.* Lay in bed too late. Went into R. D. Wood & Co's. office, and looked over my accounts. Saw L. Mulford, who said he had sent a bill to Westcott to present to the legislature for a charter for railroad to Glassboro'. W. D. Kemble called about going into the glass business.

"*Jan. 20th.* W. D. Wilson told me he would accept the proposition of F. L. Mulford to sell Forest Grove. Went to Union Mill, and thence up to swamp, and found quite a large quantity of cedar fit for rails.

"*Jan. 22d.* Occupied writing letters and in selling a lot of cotton to the Harrisburg Cotton Company, at twelve and five-eighths cents, which cost, in Nashville, ten and a half cents. After paying expenses, about one per cent. profit. Was called on by L. T. Watson, and agreed to take four thousand five hundred dollars of Broad Top bonds, payable partly in scrip of the company.

"*Jan. 23d.* Went with wife to see our uncle George Randolph, whom we found in good spirits and full of talk. Told me he was over seventy-six years of age, and unable to walk any distance, owing to the weakness of his limbs.

"*Jan. 24th.* At bank; did very moderate discount, with a moderate income. Went to sell hoops, and succeeded; but I fear the party is not very responsible. H. A. Wood to dinner with us, and E. W. Packard, who is looking forward to an interesting event, to tea. Met J. W. Nixon, and congratulated him on his election to Congress.

"*Jan. 28th.* Spent most of the morning in writing and signing agreements with F. L. Mulford and W. D. Wilson, in reference to Forest Grove; which was completed, and perhaps without giving any particular satisfaction to either of the three persons concerned. Union Benevolent Society meeting after tea.

"*Jan. 29th.* Called on Cabot, and arranged for the payment of debt of R. D. Wood & Co. Gave order to the Phoenix Iron Company for a large shafting, for addition to the cotton-mill. Gave orders for two hundred bales of cotton, from various points, at market rate. In the evening to Wistar-party of Dr. Bache, and had a general talk with the philosophers. 1859.
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"*Feb. 4th.* Aaron Westcott called to say that he saw symptoms of opposition, from the Camden and Amboy Company, to the bill in the legislature of New Jersey, to grant charter to road from Millville to Glassboro'. Advised him to persevere in getting it through.

"*Feb. 5th.* Employed in looking into the lead and iron market, selling five hundred pigs of the former at six cents per pound. To Dr. Wood's Wistar-party, and spent rather a pleasant evening, conversing with Prof. Coppée, Prof. Hart, formerly of the High-School, the Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church [of which our sister Caroline was a member], and several other acquaintance.

"*Feb. 6th.* Went to meeting with wife, six sons, and two daughters, feeling the absence of the loved one gone from us.

"*Feb. 10th.* Had a long talk with W. D. Wilson about our Forest Grove business and his prospects; with Andrew Sharp of the farm he is preparing; with R. Langley about the mill, and looked into the books of the concern. Sold lot on McNeal Street to Hawkins, for one hundred and fifty dollars.

"*Feb. 11th.* Drove up to the Sharp farms; thence across to William Garrison's, taking Sharp; Garrison joined us; we walked down to Robin's branch, going nearly the whole distance, and found quite a quantity of cedar.

"*Feb. 12th.* Breakfasted at six; left Millville with sons Randolph and George, and Hugh D. Vail, having a rough but rapid ride to Red Bank, reaching it before twelve. Wife had

1859. quite a large party of little children, who seemed full of glee.
 ÆT. 59. Went with her, after tea, to hear Prof. Mitchel on astronomy as connected with the Bible. Contracted with Jenks & Son for two hundred looms, at forty-three dollars and twelve and a half cents per loom. Am restraining my appetite about one-third.

"Feb. 17th. Messrs. Crane and Porch called to talk about the railroad from Glassboro' to Millville, and say the owners along the road will grade it. Mr. Dodd, of Forest County, called upon me, and was very urgent that the land-owners in that county shall aid in building a court-house.

"Feb. 23d. Talked with Mr. Robins and John Welsh about placing the head of Lord Elgin on a new ten-dollar plate of the Philadelphia Bank; I thought it of little importance. George Randolph's son Willie quite ill of typhoid fever. Sons George and Randolph left yesterday for the session of Haverford. The bill for chartering the Winslow and Millville Railroad passed New Jersey Senate.

"Feb. 24th. At bank; moderate business, both in offering and discount; had some talk about new charter. Spent most of the day in the counting-room; the evening, in reading carefully the general banking law of the State, passed in 1850; I find it not so onerous as I supposed. Had a talk with Mr. Robins about the Philadelphia Bank entering upon its existence under the general banking law; which I think not very objectionable. Was called upon by a person who proposes to establish a newspaper at Millville; encouraged him moderately.

"Feb. 27th. Wife spent most of the day at her brother George's, whose son Willie is very ill; she sits up with him to-night. Occupied a considerable portion of the day in reading the Life of Mary Anne Schimmelpenninck. A chastened Christian, but visionary.

"Feb. 28th. At bank; moderate supply and demand. Agreed to meet on the purchase of the Bank of Pennsylvania to-morrow afternoon. Wife returned early in the

morning, and pronounced Willie a little better; but in the afternoon new and alarming symptoms occurred. She went again to stay at night. Spent the evening at Moncure Robinson's, with Schuylkill Navigation Company. 1859.
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“March 1st. Wife returned from her brother George's; reports Willie no better. Was called to the Philadelphia Bank at eleven, and met committee. Agreed to report in favor of buying Pennsylvania Bank. Met board at four, and, after considerable discussion, decided that Mr. Robins should bid to one hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars, to be succeeded by Mr. Maguire to one hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars. After tea went to the sale, and Mr. Robins bought the building for one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars, much to the satisfaction of the company.

“March 5th. Instead of Lord Elgin's head for bank-note, we have substituted that of our late president, Mr. Smith. Had a talk with Bachouse about Harlem gas stock. He thinks it good. Decided to buy a hundred shares. Unpleasant termination of our contract with Jenks & Co. for two hundred looms; I think the course I took just. Spent the evening at Wistar-party of Moncure Robinson, and saw Judges Woodward and —, of Supreme Court.

“March 7th. At bank, with a very moderate business. Application to legislature, to legalize the purchase of the Bank of Pennsylvania, received favorably. Daughter Mary left for Baltimore. Wife much of the day at her brother George's, whose little son is just alive, but with small prospect of surviving many hours.

“March 11th. Mr. H. to say that Jenks would settle his loom contract; J. Broadhead to say that the Camden and Atlantic Road would rent the Winslow at six per cent. on cost. Called on J. Edgar Thomson, who recommended Roberts as engineer. C. J. Allen gone to Wilmington to look after contract for twenty-four-inch pipe. Wife to sit up again with her nephew Willie.

1859. *March 13th.* At meeting this morning. B. Valentine and Regina Shober preached. Wife spent the morning at her brother George's, whose son remains about the same. In the evening, went with wife to hear Dr. Seiss, at the Lutheran Church. Sat in Dr. Wood's pew. The preacher is no ordinary man; as an orator, full of poetic illustrations, noble and expansive voice, apt and ingenious quotations, bold and perhaps original thoughts.

March 14th. Attended meeting of the Piqua and C. bondholders, and opposed the payment of an instalment upon the bonds. J. L. McKnight called upon me; he talked favorably about the route of Glassboro' and Millville Railroad. I told him what I wanted the West Jersey Railroad Company to do. In the evening went with wife to the third lecture on India, by Dr. Thomas.

March 15th. Called upon Gatzmer, to have an important talk with him on the subject of the railroad. I begin to suspect there is not much earnestness on their part to carry out our views of getting the railroad made.

March 17th. Took a walk through Millville. Saw several parties, and talked with them about the railroad,—urging them to call a town-meeting, and take such steps as will insure a large subscription to the stock of the company.

March 18th. Got into the stage: it being very full, had rather a disagreeable ride. Stopped to see Rosenbaum, and talked railroad to him; also to Paul, of Glassboro'. At Camden, the wharves all under water from a very high tide.

March 20th. In the evening, sermon by Sarah F. Smiley, of longer continuance than usual,—well expressed and impressive. Wife gone to sit up with her nephew Willie, who it is hoped, after lying for a full month in a state of entire insensibility, is beginning to get better. Occupied in reading the seventy-second number of the *Living Age*, which continues to select subjects of interest.

March 21st. At bank. At Schuylkill Navigation Company met Mr. Oliphant, president of the Delaware and

Hudson Canal Company ; he seems a very pleasant man, and at home in his position. Wrote to son George, remitting pay for his summer term. In the evening had a pleasant party, consisting of G. B. Wood and wife, H. Cope and wife, D. Scull and wife, and their children. 1859.
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"March 23d. Julianna R. Parry and John Tatum were married, the house being overflowingly full. Busy in making up an offer for the large water-pipe for the city. In the evening, went to the wedding supper at Oliver Parry's ; found a most splendid table, and house full of guests.

"March 24th. Called upon J. Maris, and talked with him about the manufacture of glass and the mode of selling it, which he was so kind as to explain to me,—showing me the ticket prices and the rates of discount at which it is sold. Reading a review of Boswell's Johnson.

"March 28th. At bank, and handled the notes. At eleven o'clock Mr. Hey and Mr. Broadhead called to see me, to talk about the Winslow Road ; J. L. McKnight called to talk the Glassboro'. Dr. Elwyn and wife, Dr. Mitchell and wife, Dr. Rivinus, son, and daughter, and Dr. Wood and wife to spend the evening ; the first told us of the death of W. Osborne by an accident with his horse.

"March 29th. Attended at Alderman Brasier's, to get a judgment on note against Stratton & Eldridge. Called to see Commodore Stockton. Saw General Cook, and talked to him about the Glassboro' and Millville Railroad, which he seemed anxious for. Wife fell from the top of a high step-ladder this morning, while putting up her chamber curtains, and, although much bruised, providentially escaped any serious hurt. Son Edward better, and will be able to be out to-morrow.

"March 31st. At bank ; quite a large discounting after the board, at five per cent. Taking considerable interest in the uncertainty of the results of the bidding for thirty-inch pipe for the city, by Colwell and Starr,—our own bid being too high, and our wishes inclining to the first. Hugh D. Vail

1859. returned from a trip to New Orleans, having taken the whole
Southern coast, and stopping at points where we hoped he
Æt. 60. could sell iron pipe.

“April 6th. Left, with wife and son Walter, crossing at Red Bank; stopped at Glassboro’, and had a railroad talk with T. H. Whitney, who is very anxious to get the road to his place. Reached Millville at half-past one. L. Mulford came in the evening, and seemed a good deal discouraged about the subscription.

“April 7th. Spent the morning about the cotton- and flour-mills and the foundry, and in looking over R. D. Wood & Co.’s ledger. In the afternoon, drove up to the new clearing, and walked over it with Sharp and Downs,—who have made considerable progress, the former having planted early potatoes.

“April 9th. Left Millville, going by the Sharp farms. Went on to Forest Grove; looked at the mill; wife went into Wilson’s house and talked with his wife. Reached Glassboro’ about twelve; called on T. H. Whitney and talked railroad with him.

“April 10th. Spent the day at home, and, after reading the *‘Friends’ Review,’* as the usual practice of the day, took up Littell’s periodical, and was interested in a review of the Life of Sir Thomas More, who suffered under Henry the Eighth. One of the best men of his time.

“April 12th. Went to Camden and voted at an election for directors of the Farmers’ and Mechanics’ Bank. Returning, called at Camden and Amboy office, and had a long talk with Commodore Stockton about the railroad in which we are mutually interested. He inclined to favor our plans, and requested us to state what we wanted.

“April 15th. The Mulfords called on me, and being dissatisfied with the paper I gave them, I took it back and went over to Camden with them, and we got Mr. Browning to write a promise, which I signed and handed them; they

promising to use all their efforts to have sufficient amount of stock subscribed to construct the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad. G. B. Roberts, the engineer, called, and I introduced him to F. L. Mulford. Very much occupied by the various engagements that require attention.

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"*April 16th.* Called at Schuylkill Navigation Company, and had a talk with the officers about a supplement to their charter, giving them the right to contract for freight, as one that may be very beneficial to them. Occupied principally in counting-room, attending to the business of foundry and store and cotton-mill. Any neglect makes difficulty in keeping the train of business in my mind.

"*April 17th.* At meeting, which was very full this morning. In the evening equally large; Robert Lindsay, of England, travelling as a missionary here, occupied most of it, speaking a long time. John Tatum preached, and E. P. Gurney gave a benediction.

"*April 19th.* Found L. Mulford waiting for me at counting-room, and went with him to see Commodore Stockton. Met board of the North America Insurance Company; but little business. The week of Friends' Yearly Meeting, which is not harmonious; some persons, who think themselves very righteous, are very troublesome.

"*April 22d.* Went with Lewis Mulford to see Commodore Stockton; but, failing to see him, joined in a letter to him with Mulford, who took it to get the signature of T. H. Whitney, stating what the Millville and Glassboro' wanted of the West Jersey Railroad. H. A. Lyman came from New York and made me an offer for all the bleached goods we were making, and to make the next five months. Did not agree upon the price. Dr. Wood and wife to tea.

"*April 23d.* The man to start looms returned from Millville and reported them doing well. Talked with M. Newkirk about the condition of Cambria Iron Works, and the firm of Wood, Morrell & Co., at the termination of their lease. Mr. Cessna, of Bedford, to see me about a purchase of furnace property.

1859. *April 24th.* Meeting in the morning large. Eliza P. Gurney preached a long sermon. Evening, E. P. Gurney again preached, with unusual vivacity. Her noble appearance gives dignity to her position, and, I hope, adds to her usefulness. Took short walk with wife. Read Dr. Seiss on the Last Times.

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April 25th. Moderate income and offering. Talked with Samuel Reeves a few minutes about Cambria. J. Dougherty, of Cape Island, called upon me, and denounced the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad; said the subscription list at Malaga, on Saturday, was eighty thousand dollars. Had a children's party.

April 28th. At bank; very moderate offering. T. H. Whitney called to talk about Millville and Glassboro' Railroad. The death of Bishop Doane announced; also that of Dr. Johns. Both prominent divines of the Episcopal Church; but at opposite points in its controversies. Son Edward went to Haverford. H. D. Vail returned from Dover, having succeeded in the rail mission.

May 2d. At bank; the first day under the new charter, and took affirmation to obey the law in relation to banking. In the afternoon rode with wife to see the country-place of W. E. Bowen, advertised for sale. Went with Mr. Roberts to see Commodore Stockton about West Jersey Railroad.

May 3d. At bank for declaring dividend, and decided upon five per cent. upon demand. At North America Insurance Company; did no business. At Allentown Iron Company; did the ordinary business of the board. Went over to Camden, and saw the people of the West Jersey Railroad Company; and at a meeting of the board they decided to appoint a committee to meet the delegates of the Millville and Glassboro' interest.

May 4th. Met the board of the Schuylkill Navigation Company; then at the Philadelphia Bank, and received letter of credit to A. D. Kelly, New Orleans, to help us to get con-

tract for large pipe for that city. Stopped a short time at the Corn Exchange, and bought white wheat at one dollar and seventy cents per bushel. Called at J. Fallon's office to learn the price of a lot on Rittenhouse Square. 1859.
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"*May 5th.* At bank; a long session, caused by entering upon the new charter. This is the second or third time it has been renewed, and it is now nearly sixty years old, having had many misfortunes in its long career. May its prospects continue to brighten. With wife and son Stuart, left in the North Pennsylvania Railroad train at 2.15, and had a pleasant run to Allentown. Took a look at the furnace.

"*May 6th.* Very uncomfortable night, and great part of the day, from dyspepsia, which the drinking of the lime-stone-water relieved. Spent considerable time at the furnaces, making inquiries about the improvements in progress; setting up the supports of the steam-engine. Left after an early dinner, and, while waiting at Bethlehem for the train, went with wife and Miss Lewis into the Moravian school.

"*May 9th.* At bank, with long session. Nominated Ed. H. Trotter for director, and called upon him to ask if he would accept. Met the Haverford board, for the purpose of making a quorum, and left after the reading of the report.

"*May 11th.* Met the joint committee of the West Jersey and Millville and Glassboro' Railroad, and, after considerable talk, agreed that both roads should be made to Glassboro'; Roberts, the engineer, meeting Whitney and Mulford in my office in the afternoon.

"*May 13th.* Had Snow, the carpenter, Whiteman, the plumber, and Fogg, the mason, to have a closet made adjoining the piazza. After hearing their plans, left them to adopt the one they thought best. Determined to go to New York at eleven. B. V. Marsh and wife spent the evening with us.

"*May 14th.* Reached New York about three, and went to

1859. the Astor. Rose to a late breakfast, and called upon several
 dry-goods dealers. Talked with L. O. Wilson about the
 ÆT. 60. affairs of his firm, and find them nearly desperate, and he
 worse than they. Saw P. of the A. E. Bank; Coppet also
 about bonds; made contract for three hundred cases of
 goods with Lyman & Co. Returned in the four o'clock train.

"*May 15th.* B. Valentine preached on the subject of dress
 and address; R. Collins sympathetically, with the loss sus-
 tained by the death, this morning, of Samuel Bettle, son of
 Samuel Bettle, our preacher, and grandson of Samuel Bettle,
 Sen., who now is on the very verge of eighty-five years.
 R. Shober prayed in the evening for the bereaved family.

"*May 16th.* At bank; large offering, but larger income.
 Passed a resolution to sell the old bank at public sale, per-
 emptorily. Talked to D. S. Brown about receiving goods
 and keeping them to be bleached at Gloucester. He under-
 takes to have them insured.

"*May 17th.* Left home with wife and crossed at Red Bank;
 stopped at Glassboro', and drove to Forest Grove. Told
 Wilson I would see him on Thursday; met Andrew Sharp
 on the road, and reached Millville about three o'clock.
 Found the machinery from Providence had arrived, the
 boiler-house being changed.

"*May 19th.* Left soon after breakfast, being driven by
 Caleb; stopped at Burntover farm to talk with Andrew
 Sharp, who was about raising his house. Walked over
 the grounds; from thence drove up to Forest Grove, and
 rode, with W. D. Wilson, over a large portion of the cleared
 ground on that tract. Dined, and returned by the 'Wild
 Woods.'

"*May 21st.* Left early for the city; having an extremely
 heavy and wet road, caused us to move slowly. Stopped at
 Malaga, and had a short talk with Rosenbaum; lunched
 at Glassboro'; stopped at the store; read letters, and talked
 with G. B. Roberts, engineer, agreeing to go with him to
 Glassboro' next Friday.

"*May 24th.* Spent a few minutes at Philadelphia Bank, and at eleven, with G. B. Roberts, went to Woodbury by train, and, hiring a horse, drove to Glassboro', where we met the committee of the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad. Having dined with them, went into their room, and after some general talk and looking over the subscription-book, put my name down for eight hundred shares, and paid first instalment in a note on demand of four thousand dollars. 1859.
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"*May 31st.* S. Fogg began yesterday the addition to our house, for bath-room, closet, etc. Rode up to Girard Bridge, by the College; went to Camden; had a talk with the cashier of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank there. Met the board of the North America Insurance Company. In the evening went to M. Thomas's auction, and bid upon the Philadelphia Bank building, buying it at seventy-six thousand five hundred dollars, seventy thousand dollars on mortgage, the remainder in one year. Hart and Welsh were competitors in the bidding.

"*June 1st.* At meeting; R. Collins preached, and said she did not doubt the presence of some who were purified and fit for heaven. I could not but feel how far the case was from my own. At the board of Schuylkill Navigation Company; but little business. Had congratulations upon the purchase of the bank building.

"*June 3d.* Rose early to ride; was prevented by thunder-shower. Called upon Pennsylvania Mutual Insurance Company, and getting the names of the purchasing committee, called upon the chairman, Mr. Hacker. They give me hopes of being tenants or purchasers. Called also on E. H. Trotter, to get him to bring the City Bank there, and on several persons interested in corporations, to induce them to rent.

"*June 8th.* Rode before breakfast through the upper part of the city; bought twenty bushels of bran when returning. At meeting, Caroline C. Yarnall and Charles Hartshorne married; signed their certificate. Wife, daughters Mary

1859. and Julia, sons E. and S., went, with sister Juliana F. and part
Æt. 60. of her family, this afternoon, to Haverford, to look through the telescope, with the aid of Hugh D. Vail.

"*June 13th.* Left home in carriage,—son Edward going on horse. Drove to Malaga; found commissioners of Millville and Glassboro' Railroad; an election was made; board met and passed some resolutions. Organized by appointing T. H. Whitney, president; Lewis Mulford, treasurer. Drove to Millville.

"*June 17th.* After making some financial arrangements with W. L. Abbott and the Philadelphia Bank, went, with wife and daughters, on board steamer, landed at Tacony, and up the road to Cornwall Station. Josiah Bacon took us from there to his place, where we spent the day and looked at his establishment, as well as the weather permitted. Returned to Torresdale, and came down in the steamer Edwin Forrest.

"*June 18th.* Found no difficulty in renewing notes at six per cent. Spent some time in the new bank, which will probably be ready for occupation on the first of July. Wrote various letters to parties interested in the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad. News of a great battle between the French and Sardinians and the Austrians, in which the latter are said to be defeated, with a loss of twenty-five thousand men.

"*June 20th.* At bank; moderate income and large offering; great change in the last two months. Notice from bank, to whom I owe on demand, to pay. I often find the inconvenience of being in debt. Stomach and head disordered, and house in confusion by carpenters, masons, and plumbers. John Rice called to inquire what I ask for the Philadelphia Bank; I offered it for eighty-five thousand dollars.

"*June 28th.* Rose early, and rode. Bade son Edward good-by, as he was starting on an engineering expedition on the Glassboro' Railroad. In the afternoon drove with wife to Laurel Hill, and saw the flowers on our Carrie's grave. In

the evening at Union Benevolent Society, which met to express its sympathy on the death of its president, Charles S. Wurts. 1859.
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"*June 29th.* Rode several miles in the north part of the city before breakfast. Went to meeting; S. Bettle, Jr., preached and prayed. He seems more earnest since the death of his son. The Philadelphia Bank made its exit from the old building; the new one gives general satisfaction. H. D. Vail preparing to go to New York to get contract for lamp-posts.

"*July 1st.* Occupied in collecting various interests due this day, and in making insurances. Made out accounts for Langley & Co., W. D. Wilson & Co.* The annoyance of fitting up the rooms of the Philadelphia Bank, and getting tenants, almost makes me repent having bought it. Being in, however, I will do the best I can.

"*July 5th.* Had a general talk with the foundry interest. Looked through, and took the children all over the cotton-mill, and then through the foundry, seeing them make twenty-four-inch pipe twelve feet long. Went to Millville, and had a talk with the cashier of the bank, and received dividend from him. In the afternoon examined the flour-mill books of Langley; they do not represent him as making much money. Talked with Greene and Sharp, and fixed upon Buck Street and Cinder Road for railroad depot.

"*July 6th.* Had general conversation with my leading men. Told J. R. Moore that I would rent the wheel and water of the saw-mill for three hundred dollars. Rode to Malaga; saw Roberts and his corps of engineers. Dined there with wife and children.

"*July 8th.* Had an interview with Mr. Boswell in relation to his renting a room in the Philadelphia Bank. My daughter

* Both of these firms, as you know, had your father for principal, but he preferred to use the names of these young men, to prevent the so frequent repetition of his own.

1859. Julia went with her uncle doctor to Greenwich, to spend a few days with her aunt Caroline.

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"*July 20th.* At meeting, which was small. Roberts called on me to report progress in the survey of the Millville and Glassboro' Road, which he thinks will be finished this week. Asked two parties for their vote for Dr. Packard to Wills Hospital. Rode before breakfast to Turner's Lane. Reading a treatise on Physical and Moral Heritage.

"*July 21st.* Rode before breakfast to Hestonville, and enjoyed the ride particularly. At bank, and passed the paper; afterwards settled and took the deed for the old bank, and gave them my obligation. George B. Roberts brought proposition from Haywood to furnish railroad iron, at forty-five dollars, at Pottsville.

"*July 22d.* Made an important contract with the city of Augusta for one thousand tons of pipe. Son Richard returned from his Eastern trip, having been to the White Mountains. After tea, wife and self called to see John Bacon and wife. He is very feeble, and probably has not long to live; she, though eighty, is as sprightly and well as if but fifty.

"*July 25th.* Let the basement of first room, Philadelphia Bank, to John Price for three hundred dollars for one year. Grain, particularly wheat, has taken a great fall since the announcement of the probability of peace; selling to-day for one dollar and twenty cents for red. The decision of the court against running passenger cars on Sunday was made on Saturday.

"*July 26th.* Left, with wife and sons Randolph and Stuart, on the Red Bank boat; reached Glassboro' at ten. Saw son Edward there, also Mr. Whitney, and arranged for returning there on Thursday. Dined at Franklinville. Drove to Millville, getting there about five. Saw Greene and the progress he had made in the addition to the mill. Went to the site of the new depot.

"*July 27th.* Drove up to the farms, taking son Randolph to Forest Grove. Saw Wilson, and talked about his general

interests. Returned to the farms, and went over the accounts of A. Sharp and B. Downs, and settled them. Spent the afternoon about the cotton-mill and foundry.

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"*July 28th.* Left with F. F. Sharp, and drove to the farms, thence to Forest Grove, then rode to Glassboro' to meet the managers of the Glassboro' and Millville Railroad. Went into the meeting, and, after hearing the report of the engineer, decided to go to work without waiting for the West Jersey. Agreed to the location, after which, returned to Millville, finding son Edward.

"*Aug. 1st.* Rode, with Greene, to the Union, and showed him the washing and the filling up of the canal. About eleven o'clock Dr. Wood and party came from Greenwich. Mr. Hugg called in the morning, nominally to loan a book, but probably to talk about his invitation to Caleb Burris, our coachman, to preach in his pulpit; he thought the result satisfactory. Rosenbaum called, to propose selling me his father's estate at Blackwater.

"*Aug. 2d.* Joshua Brick, Jr., gave me an old map of Millville, made about 1810. Engaged Francis Finch to begin clearing and grubbing a piece of ground in swamp, to cultivate cranberries. Dr. Wood and party left for Cape Island, taking Julia. Walked over the river to Mount Pleasant, and took view of the position for dam over the river, and the swamp to overflow.

"*Aug. 3d.* Very soon after breakfast, wife and sons George, Randolph, and Stuart accompanied me in a boat up the canal and Union Pond and River about five miles,—the boys rowing; found the pond larger than I supposed. W. D. Kemble engaged to begin to keep the cotton-mill books to-morrow, at two hundred and fifty dollars per annum. The basement of the cotton-mill is completed.

"*Aug. 4th.* Left Millville, with all the family, and drove to Cape May, stopping to dine at Dennisville, which we reached about ten and left at four, having a very warm ride. The

1859. farming region looking well. Arrived at the Columbia
House about seven, and stopped at a cottage occupied by
.ET. 60. Dr. Wood; tolerable quarters.

"*Aug. 5th.* Walked, with Dr. Wood, up the Southwest Beach about one mile, to the mouth of the creek. Caleb takes the horses to Millville, and leaves to return the first of September. Son Richard came in the steamer, bringing daughter Mary, and her friend Mary Naronha, and Kate, our maid, arriving after the heavy blow.

"*Aug. 6th.* Walked with the doctor a mile and a half up the Northeast Beach. Went to see children bathe. D. C. Wood called to see us. Had quite a long talk with Mrs. Alexander Henry about the issue of the Cumberland Furnace estate.

"*Aug. 7th.* Walked up to the landing on the creek, and, getting home just in time for church, went, with wife and children, to hear Mr. Garrison preach. Spent the remainder of the day in the house, chiefly engaged in reading.

"*Aug. 8th.* Left wife and the children, got on board the Ariel, and had a very pleasant and smooth passage; on the way up, had a long talk with the captain, who proposes, in company with Captain Whilden, to run their two boats from Morristown and connect with the railroad to be made there from Millville.

"*Aug. 13th.* Spent a few minutes at store, and then went on board the Ariel, taking Arab, and left for Cape Island.

"*Aug. 16th.* Rode to the light-house, and find it nearly finished, the steps being about twenty-five feet up. Talked with Branson about the Club Cottage; which I went to see with wife and sisters. It is large and cheap, with its furniture, at four thousand dollars, at which it can be bought. Son Edward came down.

"*Aug. 17th.* Left on Arab, and reached the court-house about eight; breakfasted, and wrote to wife, and put the letter in the office. Reached Millville before three, pretty tired, and found things in good condition.

"*Aug. 18th.* Had a talk with Langley about the orders of wheat from Norfolk and Elizabeth City. Looked at the map of New Jersey to see the position of Bricksburg, to make a branch road. Looked at the progress of Finch in the cranberry-patch. 1859.
ÆT. 60.

"*Aug. 21st.* Family came up yesterday from Cape Island. Wife being displeased with the coachman having been invited, when last here, to preach, chose to remain from the church. Spent most of the day in the house in reading, and in a visit to the cranberry-patch; every appearance of business being hushed, gave a quiet and rather solemn aspect.

"*Aug. 22d, Millville.* Went with wife and three sons to Bennet Mill place; had a pleasant ride, and, after picking blackberries, returned to dinner. D. Biggs took me over a tract of swamp below high bank, which I found to be of good agricultural quality.

"*Aug. 23d.* Left with son George for Forest Grove; showed George the steam saw-mill and returned. Greene told me he had used up the cotton, and the mill must stop to-morrow.

"*Aug. 24th.* Rode up to 'Union,' and looked at the washings into the canal; returned on the west side of the river; saw field bought of Shaw, in corn. Water let out of the cotton-mill basin, to put in the new wheel and put up the east end of the cotton-house.

"*Aug. 25th.* Left for Glassboro' to attend the letting of the grading of the Glassboro' and Millville Railroad. The board went to business, letting the whole line of twenty-two miles to about twelve contractors, at an average of about two thousand dollars. Wife and children came in time to dine, when we left together, and reached our city home about seven.

"*Sept. 7th.* Gave directions about the cranberry-patch. Walked to Millville to purchase some stone, and saw George

1859. Connor, who proposes building a vessel for us. Called at
bank; talked with Mulford about the concerns of the rail-
road. Load of wheat from North Carolina turns out pretty
well. Received copy of resolution of committee of West
Jersey and Millville and Glassboro' Railroad, who promise
to publish them in Bridgeton. Mill started this morning.

"Sept. 8th. Spent the morning about the mills and foundry,
and find quite a loss from the breakage of three twenty-four-
inch pipes. Rode up to Andrew Sharp's, and walked round
the whole of the two hundred acres, cleared and clearing, for
his farm. In the evening, talked with him about his future
mode of conducting it, and went to bed in a pleasant
chamber.

"Sept. 9th. Rode to Forest Grove, and had an hour's
talk with Wilson. Came by a new route to Malaga; saw the
stage coming, and hurried on to Glassboro'. Stage arrived
at same time. Son George came in it, and I gave him in-
structions for Whitney; left the horse for him, and took the
stage.

"Sept. 16th. Called on McMichael, the editor of the *North
American*, and talked with him about the West Jersey Rail-
road Company, and the necessity of the road being made
to Cape May. He assented to my views and promised to
serve. In the afternoon wrote an article on the subject, to
give him some knowledge of the facts.

"Sept. 23d. Son R. left this morning, with his uncle and
aunt, for Greenwich, leaving only Julia at home. Went to
Camden to see A. Browning, showing him article in the
Bridgeton Pioneer and in the *North American*, about the
Millville and Glassboro' Railroad. He promised one for
the Camden paper for next week. Mr. Miller, of Cape
Island, came to talk about the railroad to that city; which
I told him we should be happy to connect with.

"Sept. 24th. Had some conversation with the editor of the
Ledger, about the Philadelphia Bank building. At two, left
in the Chestnut Hill train, and went to brother Charles's,

where I met wife and daughter Julia. Dined at Charles's, and came home by the nine o'clock train, having spent a pleasant day. 1859.
ÆT. 60.

"*Sept. 25th.* At meeting, which was silent. In the afternoon went, with wife and daughter Julia, to hear Dr. Vinton. He preached from a text, that God was to be feared for his mercy, and showed his talent of deduction and description. A man of mental power.

"*Sept. 26th.* At meeting of the board in the morning, and, as it seems best to retire, four of the directors offered to give place to my son; which seemed satisfactory to the board. Dined at the bank, and spent the afternoon in counting the cash, which occupied us until evening.

"*Sept. 30th.* Wrote to A. Browning, to get him to write an article, to be published in the Camden paper, about the Millville and Glassboro' Road. Talked with J. Welsh and E. Wilcox about the former being made president of the Union Benevolent Society.

"*Oct. 2d.* At meeting; S. Bettle, Jr., preached, using for a text, 'They had been with Jesus,' and expressed a hope that there were those present who had. My wife has been spending the two last days in retrospect, as the anniversary of our lamented Carrie.

"*Oct. 4th.* Called upon W. B. Thomas to get him to rent rooms in new Philadelphia Bank for Girard Commissioners. Saw wife and son Stuart on steamer Major Reybold, being on their way to pay a visit to sister Caroline, at Greenwich. John Bacon died yesterday morning, in his eighty-first year.

"*Oct. 6th.* Met the directors of the Commercial Bank, to talk about renting the corner room to them. H. C. Wood came, just as I finished dinner, to say that our brother David was dead. He died in the street, and was taken into Mr. Hone's office, from whence we took the body and brought it to our house. Went to his office and locked up the fire-proof.

1859. "*Oct. 8th.* Had an interview with the Commonwealth
 Bank. In the afternoon, at three o'clock, the family met in
 the library, the corpse being in the parlor. We went to the
 Western burying-ground, and deposited the remains of our
 brother David. I hope his soul is in heaven.

Æt. 60.

"*Oct. 12th.* Asked C. H. Fisher if he could not get
 Fraley in the place of the resigned president of the Read-
 ing Railroad. Had a long talk with J. Doughty about his
 Cape Island Railroad. He proposed selling out to us, but
 would not name his terms. I requested him to do so.
 Wife and son returned from their visit to Greenwich, having
 been gratified by it. Administered to the estate of D. C.
 Wood to-day.

"*Oct. 16th.* Breakfasted at six o'clock, with our family,
 and left for the boat; party being wife, sons Richard and
 Walter. Reached Glassboro' in time for church, and went
 with J. H. Whitney to hear Mr. Norris, a clergyman from
 Woodbury. Dined, and reached Millville at dark.

"*Oct. 17th.* Walked with sons over to cranberry-patch,
 and gave orders about its completion. Went to railroad
 meeting, and offered some resolutions that were passed.
 Met E. Geyelin to settle about the new water-wheel.
 Bought Richmond's half of Blackwater.

"*Oct. 19th.* Left on horse. Stopped at A. Sharp's; pretty
 well satisfied with his management. Went on to Forest
 Grove, and spent an hour with W. D. Wilson, talking to
 him about our business generally. Wife overtook me at
 Glassboro'. Reached Red Bank before five, and came in
 that boat, finding all well.

"*Oct. 20th.* Called on Commonwealth Bank, and settled
 the terms of the rent,—two thousand dollars, and pay five
 hundred dollars for alterations. Having notice from the
 Northern Liberties Bank to pay demand loan, in some
 anxiety how to get the money. Son Edward went to
 Germantown last night, and did not return, giving us
 uneasiness.

"Oct. 29th. Went, with son Richard, who has been elected a manager of the Union Benevolent Society, to the meeting this evening. 1859.
Æt. 60.

"Nov. 3^d. Oliver Parry and wife and Julianna R. Tatum and husband to tea. The sentence of John Brown, for the riot and insubordination at Harper's Ferry, to be hung next month, excites some sympathy.

"Nov. 10th. At bank; moderate offering. Went to Camden, and obtained from A. Browning the books and papers of D. C. Wood left with him in the chancery case, which I trust has died with himself.

"Nov. 14th. At bank; good offering and income. Our president's salary raised to five thousand dollars. Quintin Campbell resigned by a letter.

"Nov. 19th. Mr. Greene and the wheel left for Millville early this morning. Made a business to look up iron and the screen for the new turbine. Met the board of directors of Philadelphia Bank for discount, very probably for the last time, intending that my son Richard shall take my place at the election on Monday next.

"Nov. 21st. Gave some attention to the election at the Philadelphia Bank, going out myself, and three others,—my son taking my place. In the evening, went with wife and two sons to anniversary of the Merchants' Beneficial Fund Association, and was much pleased with the addresses of John Welsh, Dr. R. Newton, and Morton McMichael.

"Nov. 23^d. Took horse—wife and son going in carriage—to Millville. Rode over railroad grading; found the work of Crane advanced. Bridge over Maurice River. The work of Clark well advanced. Iron pipe in the Malaga branch. Adams has progressed largely. Walls of bridge up at Blackwater, and much filling done. Very little work on the eighteenth section. Rode across my entire tract, except one-quarter of a mile, to Piney Branch. Reached Millville at two o'clock, and found Josh. Richmond and W. D. Wilson;

1859. signed bond to the former with latter for four thousand six hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty-three cents at three years.
Æt. 6c.

"*Nov. 26th.* Went with Sharp, taking W. Garrison to show us his line, east side of his farm; then through the wood to railroad; then, by blind roads, through the woods to the railroad near Blackwater. Showed Mr. Sharp places to cut wood, and walked to the new bridge over Blackwater and Piney Branch, united at railroad; and from thence home, coming out to Malaga Road, above Garrison's. Made an agreement with J. J. K. Moore.

"*Nov. 27th.* Wife and son Artie went with me to the Methodist church; Mr. Hugg preached an earnest sermon. Nature has made him eloquent, and I trust grace has sanctified it.

"*Nov. 28th.* Having shown R. D. Greene the boards and posts for the garden fence, mounted Arab and rode up, through the woods, to 'Maule's Bridge.' Returning, passed up Blackwater, and again turning south, came the whole extent of the lands, stopping to have a short talk with Carrman at the Union. The last cranberries obtained to finish the planting.

"*Nov. 30th.* Greene, J. McNeal, and our son Stuart left with me for Tuckahoe. Examined the water-power of the old Etna Company. Dined at Royal's tavern, and saw Dr. Wales, and talked with him about the property of the estate. Returning, stopped a few minutes at Cumberland Furnace, and had a talk with Dr. Sharp; he offered to sell the whole estate, seventeen thousand acres, for one hundred thousand dollars.

"*Dec. 2d.* After a talk with Sharp, Greene, and McNeal, left with wife and son; found all well at home. John Brown executed to-day at Harper's Ferry.

"*Dec. 11th.* Our daughter Mary, who really is a very good girl, has for some time thought it her duty to be baptized; the

rite was administered by Dr. Vinton this afternoon. While I have offered no encouragement to her to do so, I have not felt disposed to say much to her on the subject, trusting that no evil would arise from the act that I hoped she would not have deemed necessary. 1859.
Æt. 60.

"*Dec. 13th.* B. V. Marsh seems to have located the spot where an aerolite struck the earth that fell in November, near Dennisville, Cape May County. Met the North America Insurance Company; very little business. Wife had her small reading-party after tea, which they seemed to enjoy.

"*Dec. 17th.* E. T. Randolph, wife, and two children, George Randolph, wife, and two children, to tea, and Dr. Randolph to spend the evening. It is pleasant to have such a gathering of those nearly connected with us, with whom there is no restraint.

"*Dec. 19th.* G. B. Roberts called after his interview with General Cook and Commodore Stockton; the result not very satisfactory, but a promise of a mutual committee of conference was agreed upon. T. H. Whitney to see me in the evening, and took tea.

"*Dec. 20th.* Spent an hour and a half with Mr. Fraley at the Schuylkill Navigation Company's office, in talking with him about the business generally, and particularly about the dividend on the preferred stock. Neither of us succeeded in convincing the other. F. L. Mulford called upon me on his return from New York to see Edw. A. Stevens about the connection of the West Jersey and the Glassboro' and Millville Roads.

"*Dec. 21st.* Was called upon by N. Stratton, who had been to see Mr. Stevens, at Hoboken. T. H. Whitney afterwards called upon me. Met the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and, after a protracted and unpleasant session, decided not to make a dividend. Went, with wife and daughter, to the funeral of Edward Yarnall, who is buried at Laurel Hill.

"*Dec. 26th.* Wife, sons Edward and Walter, left for Mill-

1859. ville pretty soon after breakfast, and, after George and Randolph had left for Haverford, G. B. Roberts called to see me, and went to Camden and Amboy Railroad office to find if E. A. Stevens had come. After dinner took son Stuart out to Fairmount, and overtook Richard, and P. C. Garret, who walked in same direction. Wrote to wife, at Millville, that I could not go down.

Æt. 60.

"Dec. 30th. A difficulty in collecting, by attorney, the indebtedness to R. D. Wood & Co., by Brooklyn, takes me to New York at eleven to-night. Letter from wife, who is still at Millville with Edward and Walter.

"*Jan. 2d (Monday)*. Meeting of stockholders of Schuylkill Navigation Company was large, with much debate on the propriety of making a dividend. It was decided to leave the question to a stock vote. Went to Dr. Wood's annual dinner, at which were all the brothers and sisters, with the youngsters in the evening. 1860.
ÆT. 60.

"*Jan. 7th*. Went to the funeral of George Abbott and to that of Dr. Yardley. R. D. Wood, and Wood & Garret, moved to-day to No. 2, Philadelphia Bank building. Called to thank Dr. Wood for the present of a book he has just published,—a collection of his introductory lectures to his classes, and two memorials.

"*Jan. 9th*. Attended meeting of the board of the Insurance Company of North America, and that of the stockholders; then to the meeting of the managers of the Schuylkill Navigation Company; which was tedious. Wife bought canary-bird, which proves to be a most earnest songster. Its age,—three months.

"*Jan. 10th*. Voted at the election of the Insurance Company of North America, and at the Huntington and Broad Top Company. Teams came up with muslins from Millville, and returned with cotton. Quite an exciting election at the Mercantile Library; in which my son Richard is strongly interested, being a manager. Miss James's reading-party to-night.

"*Jan. 14th*. Left Millville in the stage. The woods, especially the pine-trees, loaded with ice. Saw T. H. Whitney, and had a few words with him about the extension of the road to Woodbury. Reached home to tea; after which

1860. went to Wistar-party of James Dundas; conversed with
ÆT. 60. Dr. Emerson on the subject of improving his farm.

"*Jan. 17th.* In the afternoon attended meeting of the Cambria Iron Company, and was put on committee to examine the state of its affairs, and arrange with managers for leasing and taking it into their own hands.

"*Jan. 25th.* Paid to Philadelphia Bank note given for purchase of the old bank. Went to Camden, and settled with Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank an instalment due on stock I hold. Attended meeting of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, which decided not to make a dividend; also a meeting of the Allentown Iron Company, to hear the report of the business of the company for the past year, which has been the best they have made, yielding about seventy-five thousand dollars profit. No organization of the House of Representatives, it being almost two months since they met.

"*Jan. 30th.* Wife and daughter Mary made some morning calls, the first since the death of our beloved daughter.

"*Feb. 7th.* Left in the nine o'clock boat for Trenton. Met T. J. Yorke on my way from the depot to the capitol. Went to lower house; introductory letters to E. Marsh; talked a few minutes, and explained my business. Dined with him, and, after the P.M. session, met the committee on corporations, and debated the subject of our bill with Mr. Yorke and General Cook. Home about nine.

"*Feb. 11th.* Roberts called upon me, on his return from Millville, and reports the grading nearly finished. He had interviews with Commodore Stockton, since his return, who said he was satisfied with the arrangements just made with the two companies. Heavy demand for iron pipe for the coming season.

"*Feb. 13th.* Backus, of Crane Iron Company, offered to sell us two thousand tons No. 2 pig iron, at twenty-two dollars, at six months. Evening, went with wife and children to look over the Continental Hotel, just ready for opening.

"*Feb. 14th.* Left in the Millville stage. Talked with Mr. Whitney, and said a few words to Mr. Biddle, the assistant engineer. At Franklinville mounted Arab,—which son George rode down yesterday,—and rode over the track of the railroad, taking with me a son of Mr. Adams, a contractor.

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"*Feb. 16th.* Left with son George, having a full stage and uncomfortable ride to town. Found Walter a little unwell. After tea went to party at Dr. Swann's, and saw his rooms covered with pictures.

"*Feb. 23d.* Spoke to P. McCall about my son Edward going to Europe with his uncle doctor.

"*March 1st.* After reaching Glassboro', Mr. T. H. Whitney offered his carriage, in which I took a seat with Mr. Roberts. Reached Millville in time for the railroad meeting, where its various interests were discussed harmoniously. Greene came to my room, and we had a discussion about raising the price of weaving, and the general interests of the mill.

"*March 2d.* Left on horse, after twelve o'clock, and rode to Forest Grove, going with Wilson pretty much round the estate. Rode down to Burntover. [This, one of my husband's farms, of two hundred acres, was so named in consequence of the ground being very much stripped of trees from the ravages of fire, by which destructive element he frequently lost valuable property.]

"*March 3d.* Left Forest Grove pretty soon after breakfast, and passed through the lake country; reached the city about three. Found all well at home, except daughter Julia, who has the mumps.

"*March 11th.* At meeting, this evening, S. Bettle preached a sermon with more than his usual fervor. I hope there is a movement in our little church for greater anxiety to serve God.

"*March 12th.* A. B. Cooley called upon me in relation to dredging the Maurice River. Bought one thousand tons of pig iron of Allentown Iron Company. Talked with Mr.

1860. Robins about the selling of the stock held by the bank.
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 AET. 61. Poor Michael! to be detected in taking goods, and keeping
 a woman other than his wife. He is sorry, and so are we.
 The anniversary of Dr. Wood's birthday; family party at
 brother Horatio's.

"*March 14th.* The complimentary presentation of Dr. Wood's portrait, by the students, to the museum of the University, took place to-day. [This portrait, by Waugh, now in the rooms of the University, is considered one of the best likenesses of our brother.]

"*March 23d.* First week of Schuylkill Navigation Company,—twenty thousand tons,—being fourteen thousand ahead of last year. Engaged T. E. Cahill to deliver ice at my house, to begin April first, and to end January first, eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents, for all that I may need.

"*March 27th.* Wife gave our son Richard a parting entertainment for his partners and their wives; which went off very pleasantly a few evenings since. Went on board of steamboat this morning, to see him off for New York; he seemed in fine spirits; charged him to be a good boy, and left him. Troubled with neuralgic pain in right thigh.

"*March 31st.* Went in morning train to West Chester; on the way took up Cadwalader Sellers, who accompanied me for the purpose of taking up mortgage I held against Lombardy Grove. Settled our business. Reached home to a late dinner, and found my wife had gone to Haverford, taking the two youngest boys to see their brother.

"*April 3d.* Rode before breakfast to Richmond, to look for rafts; returning, bought load of hay at one dollar and fifteen cents. Met the North America Insurance Company board, and appointed a new secretary; then to the Allentown Iron Company, and transacted the usual business. In the evening had the concluding reading-party of Miss James, which was more than usually attended, and passed pleasantly.

"*April 6th.* Took ride up to the new ice-house, and along the canal; find the earth needs sowing with pine-seeds; then down to Millville, and had a conversation with G. B. Roberts, engineer. Decided to cut wood between the house and railroad, and walked over the ground with Greene. In the afternoon rode up with Sharp to the 'Union,' and was taken by Shaw to see cedar swamp, which appears to be dying from the rising of the pond, and which we decided to have cut. 1860.
ÆT. 61.

"*April 7th.* Saw Mr. A., and desired him to mark the railroad on a map of Millville. Mounted Arab and rode up to W. Garrison's; from there to Henry Boody's, and employed him and son at one dollar and seventy-five cents per day, to burn the brush and leaves along both sides of the railroad. Went to Forest Grove, and, after a talk with Wilson, came down to Burntover, and talked with Andrew Sharp.

"*April 9th.* Settled with L. Mulford for instalment on one hundred and one shares of Millville and Glassboro' Railroad, and left the certificates with him, upon which will be due, next month, fifteen dollars per share. Have offered to take all the stock that offers at that price. Cutting down trees on the Cinder Road to prepare for gravelling. In the afternoon rode up through swamp about one mile. Authorized Sharp to sell lots on Foundry Street, at three dollars per foot of one hundred feet, and in the woods, at two dollars. Had settlement with Frederic, the gardener, and declined advancing his wages.

"*April 21st.* Son Walter has the mumps pretty sorely, and daughter Julia not well. For almost the first time for some months felt, this morning, that I had nothing particular to do, but had little difficulty in finding something. In the evening Eliza P. Gurney, Margaret Cheston, Beulah Coates, Dr. Wood, wife, and others to tea. After a social evening, E. P. Gurney preached to us with considerable earnestness; she is much more gay and cheerful than I expected.

1860. *May 6th.* Letters from son Richard of his arrival in Liverpool. Called to see Dr. Wood, who returned last night from a visit to Washington, on account of the Medical Association; he was pleased with a talk he had with the President. Wife gone to sit up with our niece Lizzie Wood.

ÆT. 61.

May 15th. G. B. Roberts has taken a contract on the West Jersey Railroad, from Glassboro' north. Wife went, with three of her sons, to Haverford to see Randolph, who is not quite well; she brings a favorable report.

May 18th. Received letters from son Richard from Belfast, Ireland, and Edward, from Washington. Wife took tea with Mrs. Bowie; I went for her, and spent an hour. The announcement of the nomination of Abraham Lincoln by the Chicago Convention for President of the United States made some sensation.

May 26th. Somewhat troubled with a multiplicity of affairs in the morning, but became calm in a short time. Parry called and got an offer for the coal lands, which I made, after consultation with W. L. A., for him and myself jointly. Brothers and sisters to tea.

May 30th. Spent a short time in giving directions; got into the stage. Took the cars at Woodbury; a short talk with Charles Elmer, and afterwards with the conductor. After dark, took wife and sister Caroline to brother Charles's, where was a small party of friends, as a parting with Dr. Wood.

June 1st. Went, with son Edward, to Brown Brothers, and got letter of credit and bill of exchange for him for three hundred and fifty pounds, a letter to J. A. Clay, and a letter to London, thus fitting him out for his absence; gave him a letter to W. S. Stell.

June 2d. Went, with wife, and daughter Mary and son Stuart, to see Dr. Wood and party, including my son Edward, off in the Tuscarora; the ship left the wharf in charge of two tugs, and went off most pleasantly, with waving of handkerchiefs from the deck after she was in the stream.

"*June 6th.* W. D. Wilson and G. B. Roberts called, and occupied much of the morning. Made several deeds for the former for lots of land at Forest Grove. The absence of six children reduces us almost to our earliest condition of married life. 1860.
Æt. 61.

"*June 9th.* Had a talk with Daniel J. Morrell and C. S. Wood about the banking at Johnstown by Smith. T. H. Whitney called, and fixed Tuesday next to go to Millville. Our sons George and Randolph came in from Haverford to see the Japanese parade, which left Prime Street depot at three o'clock; it was one of the most interesting parades I ever witnessed,—it is an event to be remembered. The mission for only the second time in the life of an old empire.

"*June 12th.* Left for Millville with G. B. Roberts, General Cook, and T. J. Yorke; continued with the former to Glassboro'. From there taken by T. H. Whitney to the locomotive laying track. Took the locomotive and went to Millville, and found all apparently working well, and garden looking nicely; found mill making one hundred pick goods. Fixed position for railroad back of mill.

"*June 14th.* Left Glassboro' and rode to Gloucester; reached home pretty tired. After washing, went to office, and was called upon by various parties, among others Whitaker and Westcott, and agreed with them to carry their passengers from Millville, after the first of August, at ninety cents. Arranged to leave with family for New England tomorrow.

"*June 15th.* Called at bank to ask Mr. Robins to loan my firm, if necessary; on Mr. Geyelin about the wheels for cotton-mill; and left with wife and sister Mary R., daughter, and son Stuart, for Newport. Arrived at New York; saw Lyman & Co., Whiting, broker, and G. Oliver. Went on board Bay State, and reached Newport about three in the morning.

"*June 16th.* Left my family at Newport, and before five took boat for Providence; there went to see George Holmes.

1860. After talk with him, went, with his foreman Peters, to Patuxet, to see the Duval Bleachery; which was shown by Mr. Sibley, his machinist. Called on Snow, and went into the finishing-room, and saw them folding. Returned to Newport.

ÆT. 61.

"*June 18th.* Looked at the house of Mr. Myers, a German banker, and left, with all my party, in the boat for East Greenwich; then took cars for Providence. Hired carriage, and drove round the best part of the town, seeing the houses of the Spragues and Friends' school. Left for Boston, and stopped at the Revere House; went to the Aquarial Garden; saw Drs. Elwyn and Emerson.

"*June 19th.* Drove with wife and party through Brookline and Jamaica Plains, seeing many fine establishments,—General Lyman's, Bowditch's, and many others. Called upon Spear, Burke & Co., and obtained names of gas company, and in afternoon went to Charlestown, and to the top of Bunker Hill Monument. Wife and party to Mount Auburn.

"*June 21st, Northampton.* After breakfast took coach, and drove, with whole party, to Mount Holyoke, and spent an hour. Returned by old Hadley, and spent the remainder of the day in going down to Holyoke and looking at the mills, one of which is for lawns; then to Pittsfield.

"*June 22d.* Left for Lennox. Dined, and then drove to Stockbridge, passing among the Berkshire Hills. The landlord, W. Curtis, entertaining us in the evening.

"*June 23d.* Left Lennox at nine; reached Bridgeport about two, and New Haven at six. Stopped at Tontine; rode out to Eli Whitney's, and talked with him about a contract for cast-iron pipe. Much troubled with cough.

"*June 24th.* Went with wife and daughter to church. Walked through some of the best streets in the town, which is one of the prettiest I have seen, being unequalled for its range of elms. Went to bed, and slept till about eleven; then went to Boston train at twelve.

"*June 25th.* Reached Philadelphia; received two letters

from son Richard, dated Paris and Munich. Asked Dr. Wister to call and see me to-morrow. Engaged to see Dr. Pepper also to-morrow. 1860.
ÆT. 61.

"*June 26th.* Called upon Dr. Pepper, who gave me prescription for my cough. Dr. Wister thought it best for me to remain at home; so H. D. Vail left for New Haven, to make contract for pipe and to escort wife back. Wrote to her by mail, sending check for twenty dollars, and cash ten dollars. Attended meeting of North America Insurance Company, and was put on the dividend committee.

"*June 27th.* Samuel Bettie requested the men to remain after meeting ended, and then told them there would be a report made on Sixth day afternoon, of the company who went to distribute the government money to the Oneida Indians. Dr. Wister advised dry cups on my back.

"*June 29th.* The Great Western has made the passage in eleven days. Wife and party came home last evening. Finding no improvement in cough or pulse this morning, doctor prescribed dry cups on the breast. Went to office, and was called upon by Matlack, of Woodbury, to ask the election of Sheed for conductor of the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad. Application by the Minersville Water Company for a contract for pipe. They agreed to call to-morrow. Settled in full with Wood, Morrell & Co. for all the coupons I held of the Cambria Company.

"*June 30th.* Dry cupping not having produced the hoped-for effect, the doctor recommended cut ones; and after going to office, and seeing several parties, I returned at ten o'clock, and had enough on my back to take eight ounces of blood. The process made me very uncomfortable, and a hard coughing ensued. Did not go to office in the afternoon, but H. D. Vail reported contract with Minersville Company for pipe.

"*July 1st.* The cupping and mustard-bath brought on perspiration, and a reduction of pulse; but the prospect of a speedy restoration is rather dull.

1860. *July 2d.* Slept soundly most of the night, but have been coughing almost all day. Dr. Wister did not object to my going out, and, about ten o'clock, was driven to the office of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, and to my own, and spent an hour. Made several collections and payments pertaining to the first of the month. Dr. Wister spent an hour in the afternoon, but proposed no change in my medicine.

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July 7th. P. E. Thomas called, and offered to carry pipe from Millville to Schuylkill Haven, for one dollar and fifty cents per ton. My symptoms a little more favorable. Spent about three hours at the office; business chiefly financial engagements. Made a sale of muslins to Hacker & Co.

July 9th. Dr. Wister paid me visit, after which I rode to office, and did some business with partners; then to North America Insurance Co., and made a dividend. Made some financial arrangements, and returned to dinner. At three o'clock left South Street, and was driven by Caleb to Glassboro'. Stopped at T. H. Whitney's, and was most comfortably entertained; but coughed very much in the night.

July 10th. Left for Malaga to meet the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company; got there, and held meeting of the board; afterwards a meeting of stockholders, and election for new board. New board organized, and did some business. After it was over, got on Arab and rode to Millville, being very much exhausted.

July 11th. Coughed largely through the night. After breakfast walked down and looked at the grading for branch road. J. McNeal called, and had talk about business. Langley called after dinner, gave me some money, and talked about the affairs of the flour-mill. I told him to give one dollar and fifty cents for new wheat. Several calls by parties who had projects to propose to advance their interests.

July 12th. Rode down to the bank, and talked about the interests of the bank and railroad, and with I. B. Mulford for a project for a track of road into the marl district. Wife

arrived at eleven, bringing our sons George, Randolph, and Stuart, the first two having just come home from Haverford. They had left the city after a four o'clock breakfast.

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"*July 17th.* Rode yesterday to the Union, and found the water very low and none wasting. Spoke to Curry about saving it, by closing the gates to the turbine. Made an arrangement with the contractors and engineer to take us to Franklin in the cars to-morrow.

"*July 18th.* Caleb started with the carriage at three this morning, and George, on Arab, a little later. After breakfast, Curry took us to be deposited in the locomotive. Myself, and wife, and two boys were taken to Franklinville; met our carriage, and reached home before twelve, very tired and dusty. Doctor came in the afternoon to see me.

"*July 20th.* Doctor called at nine o'clock. E. Y. Townsend, B. V. Marsh, and others, to see me. Coughed less than the three previous days. In the evening C. S. Wood and uncle R. Randolph with us. Taking cod-liver oil freely to-day, which, as yet, does not make me sick. Our friends recommend several places on the mountains.

"*July 21st.* Dr. Wister paid short visit in the morning; said I was improving. H. Henderson called and sat a short time with me, telling of the appearance, last evening, of a very large and magnificent meteor, which appeared to burst over this city.

"*July 22d.* Doctor called early, and gave me some encouragement. Drove, with wife, about two hours, down Broad Street and by Point Breeze. Not certain of any improvement, but not hopeless. Doctor refused me permission to go to office. B. V. Marsh called, and proffered to do any business I required. Doctor says I am better; it may be so. H. D. Vail called to talk about a proposal for pipe, by B. Wakeman; charged him not to miss the sale. At five drove, with wife, up the Belmont Avenue, being out about two hours.

"*July 24th.* Eating with good appetite, but weak and

1860. coughing. Drove, with wife, through Buist's garden,—out
 Æt. 61. for two hours. A visit from our mother. In the evening,
 drove with wife through the Park, returning by Mantua
 Village.

"*July 28th.* On horseback for three hours. Son Richard arrived at home from a European tour of four months, looking very well, and well pleased with his trip.

"*July 29th.* Slept badly last night, but upon taking a warm bath felt comfortable, and have coughed less. Spent the day in reading the *Friends' Review* and the *Living Age*. In the latter was much interested by the review of the Broad Church,—a sort of scepticism which seems to have sprung up among the professors of the English Church.

"*Aug. 2d.* Doctor came early; speaks encouragingly. Rode from nine to eleven, and went to see Carrie's grave at South Laurel Hill; it is nicely covered with periwinkle, and a few roses in bloom. Her loved remembrance is most strongly cherished. Son Richard went, in the evening, to Wyndown, and brought his sister Mary home.

"*Aug. 5th.* No doctor this morning. Rode, for two hours, over Schuylkill, and out the Haverford Road to Cross Keys, and by Baltimore Turnpike home. A very sore boil on arm discharged freely, and is much better; cough also lessened. Spent most of the day in reading and walking in the garden, which gives evidence of the prevailing drought; rain for the last month three-fourths of an inch.

"*Aug. 7th.* Rode to market, and thence to the office, and was busy for about three hours. Occupied in providing cash to meet the various engagements I have undertaken, and which, any falling off of health warns me, must soon close.

"*Aug. 10th.* After an hour spent with Dr. Wister, went to market, and from there to Sixpenny Saving Fund; then to see Cabot about a financial arrangement with Allentown Iron Company. Stopped at North America Insurance Company

and met T. J. Yorke; talked with him about subscriptions to the Cape May Road; thence to office, and spent three hours, preparatory to leaving to-morrow. B. V. Marsh has been extremely kind in facilitating our arrangements for going. 1860.
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“Aug. 11th. Having decided to go to Broad Top, left, with wife, sons Randolph and Stuart, after breakfast, in the train. Had a pleasant journey, stopping at Harrisburg to dine, and, leaving Huntingdon at half-past five, reached Saxton about six. Near Coal Mount took an open carriage, travelling after dark to Broad Top Mountain House, kept by Mr. Morrison.

“Aug. 13th. Very hard rain from about three o'clock at night until about ten. It kept most of the boarders in the house, and enabled us to make acquaintances. In the afternoon the hotel and its inmates were photographed, making a good picture.

“Aug. 14th. Cloudy morning, but cleared cool. At ten o'clock, son Randolph and myself started on horseback and rode south to Well's Valley, and then home by Mountain House. In the morning S. Nicholson and others left for the city,—thus giving us very good rooms, which we gladly took. Walked with wife to the spring below the house.

“Aug. 15th. I rode with Mr. Clark, the agent of the Improvement Company, over their coal lands east of the city, crossing Trough Creek. After dinner looked at the railroad and some coal openings. The whole of the region seems to be brightening.

“Aug. 18th. Much interested in the Life of Stephen Grellet, who has been one of the most earnest and evangelical ministers of our church; a most devoted apostle. Afternoon, walked with wife and Miss Anable to Sunset Hill, and made a little too much effort.

“Aug. 20th. Went with Mr. Moore to the Switch Back, and saw the opening now making by Wood & Bacon; had a long conversation with John Fulton, the engineer of the

1860. road. Received a number of letters from the city ; wrote to
Captain McCandles, and in the evening played bagatelle
with wife, Miss Anable, and others.

Aug. 22d. Decided that Randolph shall return to-morrow. Made arrangement to meet Thomas Horton at Hopewell, to go up Sandy Run to see my lands. In the afternoon took a party of ladies to the hills near Fairplay, to look at the finest prospect on Broad Top. A talk with Mr. Clark about the lands offered for sale by the Improvement Company.

Aug. 23d. Rode towards the east of the mountain. Returning, went down to Coal Mount, and saw the opening of Powel, who does about half of the present mining at Broad Top. Talked with Morrison about his rooms for next year, and settled with him for two weeks for our party, fifty-four dollars.

Aug. 24th. Left the Mountain House in open carriage ; it soon began to rain heavily ; having umbrella and blankets, did not get very wet. In cars from Saxton to Hopewell, and from that place to Bedford in stage.

Aug. 25th. Drank, before breakfast, two glasses of Bedford water, with good effect. Walked with wife to the top of the hill, and looked at the fine view below. Spent the day chiefly in looking at the specialties of the place, the various springs, and making acquaintance with the several visitors, from the President of the United States, James Buchanan, and the Rev. Mr. Paxton, of Pittsburg, to the gardener. Talked with the President a short time in the evening.

Aug. 26th. Drank Bedford water. Walked nearly to the top of North Mountain, and then to Bedford to hear Dr. Paxton. His sermon was long, eloquent, and evangelical. The President walked also, and in returning had a few words with him. He is quite affable, and mild in his manners and conversation. Episcopal service in the evening, and sermon by Mr. Howard, of Baltimore. Took passage for Hopewell.

"*Aug. 27th.* Reached Hopewell about eleven; hired horses to go to the works with T. Horton. Rode up to the Bullman & Betts' tracts. Took the cars, and, coming to Huntingdon, changed to Pennsylvania Railroad; travelled all night, getting home about six o'clock. 1860.
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"*Aug. 28th.* Called upon St. George T. Campbell about Morrisville mortgage, and gave H. D. Vail my opinion of how it should be drawn. Wrote to T. Horton, making him my agent at Hopewell, to look after coal lands I own near there. Find, on my return, the demand for bleached muslins has been larger, and that we are puzzled to supply orders. Hope my cough has nearly gone.

"*Sept. 1st.* T. H. Whitney and G. B. Roberts spent two hours discussing the movements of the railroad, and the proper mode of making the section to Cape Island; we came to the conclusion that it was best to let the Cape May party call upon Mr. Stevens for help.

"*Sept. 3d.* Millville and Glassboro' Railroad brought passengers up for the first time, arriving in Philadelphia.

"*Sept. 4th.* Left with wife and sons Randolph and Stuart. Stopped at Glassboro', and went to the terminus of the railroad. Dined at Franklinville, and I took the saddle-horse and rode over a district lately burnt adjoining Blackwater; then to Burntover, and had a talk with Andrew Sharp about his farming, and a man suspected of setting fire to woods.

"*Sept. 13th.* Posted my books this morning for the two last months. Wrote to Whitney, and telegraphed to Cape May for the committee to go to New York to see Stevens. The political excitement is becoming intensified; but although the causes are as deep and important as in past times, I find myself much cooler than usual at the approach of a Presidential election. Age, and the short time now allotted to me, may be the cause of this indifference.

"*Sept. 25th.* Left with the Millville and Glassboro' board of directors. Ran quickly to Glassboro', and held a meeting

1860. of the board, which lasted four hours, and in which some
 ÆT. 61. important matters were transacted: the appointment of a
 general superintendent, and the settlement of the mode of
 arranging with stage-drivers.

"Oct. 3d. In the grain market, and bought seventeen hundred bushels corn at seventy-two and a half cents, to send to Millville. S. A. Garrison came up. Had a talk with him about his new position as general superintendent of the M. and G. Railroad. Son Richard returned from his trip down the Delaware Railroad. Sent check to H. C. Carey as contribution to election expenses. Prince of Wales as Baron Renfrew and party at Harrisburg; their reception by the Governor and people seems to have been very satisfactory. The royal party left for Washington, to be there this evening.

"Oct. 6th. Received two letters from Inverness, Scotland, —one from Edward, one from Dr. Wood. Peters and Partington, from Providence and Norwich, at office, and fixed upon Tuesday next to go to Millville, to examine site for a bleachery.

"Oct. 10th. Went, with Mr. Peters and Partington, to the site for the bleachery; they took the measure, and promised to send me drawings and the estimate of the cost of the machinery. Intelligence of the election of Curtin, the opposition Governor of Pennsylvania. Arrival of the Prince of Wales in the city.

"Oct. 15th. Son Richard left for the West, with a party of merchants, on an invitation of P. Railroad, to visit Chicago and St. Joseph's, Missouri, by way of waking up notice of our own city. I have also received invitation to visit coal region of the Reading Railroad Company, at a celebration of the connection of the town of Sunbury.

"Oct. 16th. It being the twenty-eighth anniversary of our wedding-day, wife came to office to have my photograph, but I could not go with her. Went to North America Insurance Company, who resolved to send its president into

the country to look after fire business. In the afternoon, 1860.
 rode to Schuylkill to see Mr. Ward, and my house on Pine ÆT. 61.
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"Oct. 18th. Went to see Captain Shippen about the running of the trains to Woodbury. At twelve, went to A. Browning about mortgaging the M. and G. Railroad's extension to Cape Island, and whether bonds given for that mortgage would bind the present road; he promised to consult Judge Elmer, and give me his opinion. Got from him maps, etc. of D. C. Wood, which are of importance to me.

"Oct. 20th. S. A. Garrison reported he had seen the contractors of the cars. Settled with Clark & Maher for their work, on their final estimate, in full. Authorized G. B. Roberts to say to Cape May committee that I would take the half of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars bond on the extension to Cape Island.

"Oct. 22d. Had some talk with Mr. Fraley about the purchase of my improvement loan in Schuylkill Navigation Company. Coughed so much that I concluded to get another bottle of potash and sarsaparilla. T. H. Whitney and G. B. Roberts called at office, to talk about the extension of railroad to Cape Island, and I saw them at Girard House after tea. Son Stuart jumped off the wall, back of the house, and broke his forearm; Dr. Wister set it.

"Oct. 24th. Edward H. Sprague, secretary of insurance company in Boston, called upon me, with an inquiry about the road to Millville, wishing to look at the cotton-mill, which his company insures; upon conversing with him, I found he was my companion on a journey I made, in 1836, from Marseilles to Rome; I had not seen nor heard anything of him since our parting at Rome.

"Oct. 25th. Finished letter to son Edward before nine o'clock, and at that hour left for Millville, taking Mr. E. H. Sprague, of Boston. Went over the mill and round the premises; he seems satisfied at the rate at which the Arkwright—his office—has taken it,—one per cent.

1860. *Oct. 27th.* Left in the train at 6.45, going up to Forest Grove, and thence to Burntover. Andrew Sharp informs me he has sown eighty-five acres in wheat, and is preparing to sow fifteen more. Returned to Forest Grove, and settled with W. D. Wilson, taking his note for balance of railroad iron. Walked down to the station, having a general talk about the affairs of W. D. Wilson & Co.; his operations are large, and make his finances somewhat difficult. Came up in the afternoon train with pretty good load. Found a party of my wife's nieces and nephews to tea.

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Nov. 1st. Busy in answering letters and collections for the day. Called upon Mr. Robins about mortgage on Philadelphia Bank buildings. Mrs. Bowie and Miss Bache to tea. The latter read a letter received from her aunt Miss Duane [then travelling with our brother, Dr. Wood].

Nov. 2d. Went with S. A. Garrison to look at locomotive; she is to be called the T. H. Whitney. Saw Mr. Clay in reference to purchase of Osborne's coal lands. W. L. Abbott called upon me to-day to urge the closing of that matter. Wife troubled about her cook; it influences all our domestic comfort. The final Presidential parade going on, to last until the small hours of the night.

Nov. 3d. Inquiring for timothy-seed for Burntover, and find the price two dollars and seventy-five cents in moderate quantities. Called on St. G. T. Campbell to inquire about his purchase of mortgage of the Philadelphia Bank on their old building I bought. Son Richard returned this evening, after an absence of more than two weeks, with the members of the Board of Trade, to St. Joseph's and the Northwest.

Nov. 6th. Went with son to the poll, and voted for Lincoln for President of the United States. Attended meeting of the Philadelphia Bank; and after it, received dividend of five per cent. for six months. Saw Cabot, and settled contract for two hundred tons iron, No. 1, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars,—six per cent. dis-

count for cash. In the evening, joined a party, at the invitation of Mr. Hart, to look at the manufacturing of water-gas, at the Girard House. Found the light good, and saw the mode of introducing it. 1860.
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"*Nov. 7th.* The result of the Presidential election yesterday is in favor of Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois. Made a bargain with A. P. Porter to run the engine T. H. Whitney, and take charge of all the machinery of the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad, to pay him seventy dollars per month,—a big price for a good man.

"*Nov. 12th.* Much conversation and some anxiety about the movement in South Carolina on the subject of secession from the Union. No one sympathizes, and all regret. Breckenridge is said to intend to go South to counsel union. H. A. Morris and Miss Johns to tea.

"*Nov. 20th.* Most of the morning engaged in preparing to meet an obligation, due to-morrow, of ten thousand dollars; and the best offer I could get for the best notes to be made in the city, with my indorsement, was one and a quarter per cent. per month,—a rate unknown for three years. Everything about the business community looks gloomy. Went to the annual tea-drinking of the Union Benevolent Association.

"*Nov. 22d.* Much movement among the banks all the morning. A meeting of the presidents, and the result a conclusion to suspend specie payments,—a conclusion most satisfactory to the merchants, and meets the approval of the public. Thomas Chase to tea.

"*Nov. 29th.* Rode out after breakfast, and employed a stonecutter—Fales—to mend the pavement at Bank Place. Thanksgiving-day. Richard and George went to Haverford, and found Randolph unwell, but about the lawn. Walking down Chestnut Street, the crowd of strollers was so great that I had to take the horseway. Spent the greater part of the day in reading and writing letters.

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"*Dec. 1st.* Continued uneasiness in politics and finance. Received letter yesterday from Dr. Wood, from Paris. Moncure Robinson called to talk about S. N. Sloan. Met Commodore Stockton in the street, and expressed to him my pleasure in seeing him returned from Europe.

"*Dec. 14th.* Wife took me to Gutekunst's to have a photograph; which was rather tedious, but hope for a good result. The political horizon is still very gloomy.

"*Dec. 15th.* Upon payment of fifteen thousand dollars to Pennsylvania Life and Fire Insurance to-day, they loaned us five thousand dollars; which made us comfortable for the beginning of the week. Mr. Greene came up to-day; his object, to determine about running short time. I called on two of the managers of the Washington Mills to get their decision, they not yet having made it. Edward T. Randolph, wife, and mother, with a party of friends, this evening.

"*Dec. 17th.* A good deal depressed by the prospects of finance for my own affairs. Son Stuart received a letter from his brother Edward, from Bordeaux, France. Thomas S. Newlin called upon me to go to a little meeting to prepare a memorial to Congress; which I did; and at meeting of about fifteen, adopted a memorial to the legislature to repeal certain laws.

"*Dec. 19th.* Called upon Bensons to get them to borrow ten thousand dollars for me, and asked North America Insurance Company to loan me five thousand dollars, and the Sixpenny Saving Fund to extend a loan I had with them. These efforts have relieved me. After tea, wife and children went to see the giant and General Tom Thumb, and left me to the newspaper and Huc, the amusing Chinese traveller.

"*Dec. 21st.* Secession resolutions of South Carolina passed, and rumors to-day that Fort Moultrie was ordered to be given up by the President.

"*Dec. 24th.* Attended the funeral of Sidney Mason, from his father's house. [He was in the employ of Wood, Marsh & Hayward, and died in Kentucky, of typhoid fever.] Called

to get the price of iron,—twenty dollars and seventy-five cents, at six months. Wrote to Dr. Wood, who, I suppose, is at Madrid. Streets filled with people preparing for Christmas; buying presents for children and friends,—a practice that has not much to recommend it. 1860.
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"*Dec. 25th.* Went to Dr. Seiss's church, and heard a sermon on the nativity of the Saviour, which was of the most orthodox character, in chaste and strong language. Chestnut Street was full of pedestrians; river entirely free from ice; temperature, for winter, very pleasant.

"*Dec. 27th.* Went over the wharf, then to the flour-mill, then to the new head-gates to see the bridge over the canal, through the cotton-mill, and then down to bank. Talked with Lewis Mulford about the finances of the railroad; saw Langley; had a talk with R. D. Greene about the general management of the mill, and sending up the muslin by railroad.

"*Dec. 28th.* Left, with two boys, in the 6.45 train, and had a pleasant run, getting to the city before 11 o'clock. Found much excitement on account of the desertion of Fort Moultrie by Major Anderson, and the taking of it by the South Carolinians.

"*Dec. 29th.* Engaged during the day in closing the accounts on my books for the year. There is almost an entire lull in business, with the political affairs of the country tending daily toward more trouble,—the extremes of both sides showing but little disposition to yield a single point of importance.

"*Dec. 30th.* Very large meeting in the morning. A long, earnest sermon from S. Bettie, bearing on the political subjects of the country. R. Shober prayed earnestly for all of us, our Governors, etc.

"*Dec. 31st.* A year has just terminated which, when history makes its record, will present more moving and alarming incidents than many previous ones, particularly in our own nation. A heated and angry session of Congress

1860. closed without any useful laws, but with a determination of
Æt. 61. its members to go into a violent contest for the Presidential chair. The result was the success of the Republican party, owing chiefly to the division of their opponents in the support of a Northern and a Southern candidate.

“The South, dissatisfied with the success of the Northern Republicans, threatens secession. South Carolina has already had a convention, declared her independence of the Union, and is now, by commissioners at Washington, endeavoring to treat for and as a new nation, and be recognized among the old ones as one of the family.

“The political derangement of the country has sadly influenced its commerce. The whole system of finance has been thrown into disorder. The government on the point of bankruptcy, with a credit below any former period when in a state of peace, and giving twelve per cent. per annum for money to pay its interest due on the first of the coming year. Merchants of best standing have to pay fifteen per cent. for money to meet their engagements. Banks south of New York to suspend specie payments, and many cases of failures. All this trouble has occurred since the sixth of November, the day of the Presidential election. Up to that period everything was prosperous,—the whole country, with small exceptions, blessed with good harvests; money seeking investment at six per cent.; manufacturers profitably and fully employed.

“The effect to this time has been disastrous, with no prospect of improvement. Men fear to rely upon themselves, hoping that Providence will yet save them and the country.

"*Jan. 1st.* Had at dinner, and to spend the day, my brothers and sisters, and Richard Randolph, Sen., and in the evening our nephews and nieces,—a New-Year party, in place of the one usually given by Dr. Wood, now absent. 1861.
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"*Jan. 3d.* Met board of Schuylkill Navigation Company, and voted aye to make a dividend on preferred stock, conditionally. The finances of the company are in a better condition than for the last two or three years. Political affairs in South Carolina seem approaching a crisis, and look like bloodshed.

"*Jan. 5th.* No political movement that has excited much attention during the day. A meeting called this evening to sustain the government. Confidence in commercial matters rather improving, and value of money lessening. Occupied in closing the accounts for the year just passed. The result apparently favorable.

"*Jan. 8th.* A. Peters, from Providence, with me. We had a long talk of the building of a bleachery at Millville. Estimated cost forty thousand dollars, complete. Congress and their committees do not come to an amicable arrangement. All looks gloomy.

"*Jan. 12th.* Met the committee of North America Insurance Company on the dividend, and agreed to make twelve per cent. Went with wife to brother Charles's to tea, and read to the company the speech of Mr. Seward, delivered to-day in Congress. It is a most excellent speech; but the general effect seems disappointment. This was the feeling

1861. manifested by a number whom I met in the evening at the
 Wistar-party of Mr. James Dundas, which was large.
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"*Jan. 28th.* Called upon Crane Iron Company, and proposed buying one thousand tons pig iron; afterwards on Cabot, and bought one thousand tons at twenty dolls.—one-half No. 1, and one-half No. 2. C. H. Fisher said that he had seen the letter of Lincoln to Simon Cameron, asking him to come into his cabinet, and that he would no doubt be his Secretary of the Treasury. A suitable appointment, if Simon was an honest man. Much political movement; but no certain plan of recementing the Union.

"*Jan. 29th.* Almost the entire conversation of friends and neighbors, on meeting, is the general state of political affairs; but little change from day to day. Spent the evening at brother Charles's; a family party, with the addition of H. Cope's family.

"*Jan. 30th.* Went to meet the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company board, with committee from Cape May, and, after some discussion, agreed that when the people of Cape May graded and cross-tied the road, we would take half of the seven per cent. bonds of the company that would be needed to finish it.

"*Jan. 31st.* Read with attention the Pacific Railroad bill, as it passed the House of Representatives, which now is being returned by the Senate with some amendments. It is a bill of great consequence. John Garrett called in the evening. I proposed to him to take the place of C. J. Allen, who is retiring from the firm of R. D. Wood & Co., after having been a member of it about ten years.

"*Feb. 1st.* Quite a scene at the North America Insurance Company on the subject of the policy and finances of the United States government. Secession, dissolution, and bankruptcy the subjects of discussion.

"*Feb. 2d.* Wrote to son Edward at Madrid. Took son

Walter to Dr. Wister to examine his right ear; which he pronounced entirely deaf, and gave him a prescription. The deafness, no doubt, owing to mumps he had last spring. Went to Dr. Bache's Wistar-party. Met there a number of pleasant acquaintance, and had a general talk among them.

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"Feb. 3d. This evening, Sarah F. Smiley preached one of the best sermons I have heard for a long time, on the offices and character of Christ, and on our duties as the recipients of his kindness, closing with the exhortation of 'Lord, what shall I do?'

"Feb. 4th. Bought wheat at one dollar and thirty cents, for Millville. Wrote to son Edward at Madrid. Rumors of additional force sent to Fort Sumter are rife, but their truth doubted. Son Richard elected treasurer of Board of Trade this evening.

"Feb. 9th. Our son Richard went to New York, to be groomsman for E. R. Maule on Monday next. The correspondence of Colonel Hayne and the Secretary of War (Hale) published in the papers of to-day. The subject, the giving up of Fort Sumter. In the afternoon George received a letter from his brother Edward, from Cordova, in Spain, dated January 12th.

"Feb. 11th. The Southern Convention, at Montgomery, has organized a provisional government, appointed Jefferson Davis, president, and A. H. Stephens, of Georgia, vice-president; it is said the former is on his way to Washington. Walter, behind whose ear we are keeping a blister, thinks he hears a little. Our son Stuart brought home to-day his first school report.

"Feb. 21st. President Lincoln arrived at the Kensington depot, and was escorted through the city by a large multitude, and stopped at the Continental; he stood up in the barouche as he passed our house. Went with wife and daughter to Israel Morris's, and spent a very agreeable evening.

"Feb. 22d. Lincoln assisted to raise the new flag at the

1861. State-House, at sunrise, containing thirty-four stars. He
 left for Harrisburg, and from there to Washington; the im-
 pression he made here was favorable. Spent the evening
 with wife and a party of the Randolph family at B. V.
 Marsh's.

Feb. 27th. T. H. Whitney called on me; we talked about running all the way from Millville to Woodbury, and organizing the beginning of the Cape Island extension, both of which we hope to accomplish soon. The announcement of the passage of the tariff bill, and the close of the Peace Congress, this afternoon, gave much satisfaction to the public.

March 2d. Advices from Washington rather less satisfactory; there seems to be difficulty in reconciling the two wings of the Republican party. F. F. Sharp in town, and spoke of the trespass of the Woolfords on my timber. Sudden and material advance in the price of railroad iron,—the effect of the tariff. Letters from Edward, from Granada and Valencia, to his sister, and from Marseilles, to myself. Rode in the afternoon.

March 8th. Walked over to McNeal's, to look at the white sand and a place to wash it. In the afternoon, met the board of the M. and G. Railroad Company, and was appointed on the executive committee to manage the general business of the company.

March 9th. Left in the train from Millville; got out at first turnout, and walked to Burntover. The wheat and rye look well. Andrew had a son born on the twenty-second of February, whom he named Richard Wood. W. D. Wilson came for me, and we rode to the east end of Forest Grove, and then down to the town, and looked about amid a heavy rain. Reached home safely; not much business in my absence.

March 17th. A prayer from S. Bettle the only vocal service this morning; evening, Sarah F. Smiley preached.

Spent the day reading *Friends' Review*, *Living Age*, and Travels of Huc and Gebout in Tartary, which are amusing, and furnish almost the only modern information of that region. 1861.
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"*March 23d.* G. B. Roberts is going to Cape Island on Monday, to inaugurate the Cape May Road. Wrote to L. Mulford, T. H. Whitney, and General W. Cook, in relation to our railroad, which I now feel anxious to have in full operation. Wife and daughter Mary went to Mrs. Cochran's to tea; I went for them, and was pleased.

"*March 30th.* Have had letters from Dr. Wood at Valencia, Spain, and from son Edward at Naples, Italy. Have settled with W. D. Wilson for poles cut on Millville estate. Judge Yorke sent for me, and gave me a time-table and prices fixed by the W. J. Company, to begin on Monday next, which I communicated to S. A. Garrison, who was in my office. Wife and two boys went to Haverford, to see our son Randolph. My wife intends being baptized by Dr. A. H. Vinton.

"*April 1st.* A person, called Landis, came to talk about the purchase of a large tract of land; the same person who got up Hammonton, on the Camden and Atlantic Railroad.

"*April 5th.* Rode up to Union Mill, to show Greene the condition of the dam. Went to railroad depot, and took Horton, the conductor, to S. N. Garrison's, and made out bills to be printed for the running time of the railroad. N. Stratton at bank, and bought of him a tract of land, known as the Gregory fifty-acre tract. Talked with G. W. Thomas about going into the glass business. Left in the train at three; reached the city about five, and had some bills printed to send to Millville.

"*April 9th.* Left, with Charles K. Landis, for Hammonton. The train travelled slowly, but we reached there in time to drive through four or five streets, along which are built many good houses, and much doing in opening and

1861. improving. Dined at his father's, and afterwards walked over
 ÆT. 62. some of the grounds; drove to the depot; reached home; and regretted to learn the death of my little (great-) nephew, George Sheppard.

"*April 12th.* Much anxiety about Fort Sumter. Made several inquiries about cotton, and was offered middling at thirteen cents. P. C. Garrett and his brother went to Millville,—the former to examine the books of the store, the latter to learn something of the place. My impressions of the two I hope will be justified by their future attention to the interests of the business they will be engaged in. Rumors that Fort Sumter is relieved.

"*April 15th.* Quite an excitement all day in the street, on the subject of the President's proclamation. All are for the Union, and no secession. I went to meeting and listened to a discussion on the subject of the reception of the certificate of John Hodgkin, from London Yearly Meeting. The subject was continued in the afternoon, and then adjourned until to-morrow. The meeting, so far as I could judge, were nearly balanced in number.

"*April 17th.* Called upon Salomon, and, after some talk, bought one hundred and fifty-two bales of cotton of him, at thirteen cents, cash. Called to see S. Colwell, and he afterwards called upon me, and answered inquiries made about Charles K. Landis, which were favorable to his integrity. Rumors current through the day that the Virginia Convention have passed a secession ordinance; but it is not confirmed, though it is feared. Military movements active.

"*April 18th.* The Convention of Virginia is said to have decided against secession. After dinner, left, with wife, son Stuart, and daughter Julia, for Millville, and had a pleasant run down, C. K. Landis going with us to look at our lands.

"*April 19th.* After going round the foundry and mill, left with Mr. Landis, and drove up to the Souder Mill, and from there to Jacob Phifer's; thence to Burntover, then to Forest Grove, where we dined, and through the Blackwater tract;

then through the timber; and in turning into the west side of the Blackwater property, broke the carriage-wheel; but, by the help of Craig, patched it up. 1861.
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"*April 20th.* To depot after breakfast. Had some talk with Mr. Garrison about the running of the road; talked with G. Cooper about the rent of Souder's Mill; told Mr. Greene not to build the bleachery. Left, with wife and children, and reached the city after five; found great excitement.

"*April 22d.* Made inquiries about the state of the money market; find it plenty at six per cent. The whole city seems moved by the getting off of troops for Washington. Men that are enlisted are marching up and down Chestnut Street; drilling has become the order of the day.

"*April 23d.* Rode before breakfast; arranged with A. Benson for extension of note of eleven thousand dollars, and bought twenty shares Mine Hill Company, at fifty-four. Attended meeting of North America Insurance Company, some questions affected by the war being considered. Coming home to tea, met a regiment, composed of Irish, marching, I suppose, to their quarters, previous to going South.

"*April 24th.* At meeting, and remained during 'meeting of discipline.' John Hodgkin was there, and spoke twice, very appropriately, upon the importance of attending to the divine call, to be ready to go to the feast to which we are all invited. He spoke in the afternoon meeting, and then went into the women's; he evidently feels that the state of the times requires close watchfulness to keep us from temptation. War news uncomfortable all day.

"*April 25th.* Rode to Fairmount. Son Edward arrived in the Asia, from Liverpool. Judge Yorke was with me some time to talk about our road, and Charles K. Landis about the purchase of the Millville estate. Spent the evening at David Scull's, and talked chiefly with Galloway Cheston.

1861. *April 26th.* Rode around Girard College. Much discomfort from the condition of mercantile affairs; several heavy failures of the dry-goods merchants who owe my firm. The political aspect does not improve; Washington is thought to be safe from Southern attack, but there is much delay in the arrival of distant troops. At Union Benevolent Society.

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April 30th. Mill put upon half-time. Called upon Myers & Claghorn to ask upon what terms they would accept for goods placed in their hands, in case I continued to run the mill.

May 1st. Satisfied T. Robins that the clause in the general banking law does not operate to prevent my having discount from bank while son Richard is director. Met board of Schuylkill Navigation Company, and had some discussion about a loan to the Committee of Public Safety. I think the call a needless one, but it may be an incitement to latent patriotism.

May 3d. Left with wife, sons Edward and Walter, for Millville. The break of dam at 'the Union' is of some importance.

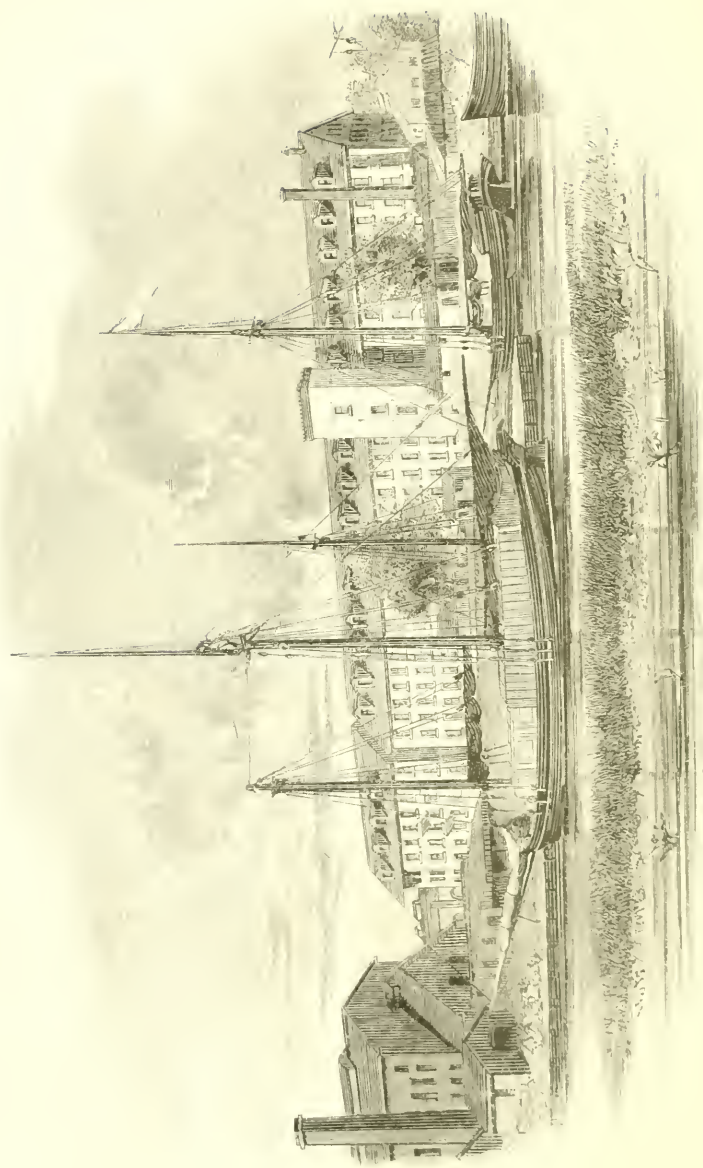
May 4th, Millville. A very large fire in the woods, burning some of my Bennet Mill estate, and running through to Tuckahoe, doing very large damage. The head-gates of the canal blown out, making some delay in starting the mills. Left after dinner, and reached the city in good time. Found no important matter in my affairs had transpired.

May 7th. Jefferson Davis's message to his Congress in papers of last evening. Rode over the Schuylkill Bridge before breakfast. Going down, after it, was informed of the stoppage, yesterday, of C. H. Fisher, one of the largest operators in stocks and general speculations in our city. It is a matter of general regret. Three or four regiments to leave the city to-morrow.

May 8th. Rode before breakfast in the new part of the

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city. At meeting; J. Tatum preached. C. K. Landis called, and, after talking over our affair, agreed upon seven dollars per acre as the price he is to pay. Wife drove out to 'Old Oaks' to look at the condition of the house. 1861.
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"*May 9th.* C. K. Landis called, and talked over the contract for Millville estate. I called upon St. G. T. Campbell about it, and he wishes to see A. Browning. Called on and had a talk with C. H. Fisher about his financial troubles. He seemed comfortable, and not anxious for the future. Constant marching of the troops of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the Northern States through the city.

"*May 15th.* Went to North Pennsylvania Railroad, with wife and son Stuart, and saw them in cars, with the expectation that they would get to Eckley and return to-day; but, about nine this evening, had a note from wife, saying they could not come. Surprised by the failure of M. Hallowell & Co.

"*May 16th.* Perfect quietness pervades the business parts of the city, and but for the crowds of men in Chestnut Street, soldiers, or gazers at the military, the town would be dull indeed. The war progresses, but the feeling of safety and the hope of peace strengthen with the strength of the government. Wife returned from Eckley after tea, not much pleased with it for a summer boarding-place.

"*May 25th.* Left with wife and son in the cars for Millville. Walked down to the bank, and had a talk with L. Mulford about the affairs of the road. Talked with Langley about his business; with Mr. Greene about the reduction of the wages, for the purpose of running full time; and with John McNeal on the same subject.

"*May 27th.* Rose early; looked round the mill, foundry, and cotton-mill. The 'Marian' arrived with corn. Left in the cars at 8.20, with sixteen through-passengers. Reached the city in good time, and was called on by C. K. Landis, who seemed disposed to close his bargain. Wife went to see F. G. Marsh about taking their house at Germantown.

1861. *June 4th.* Walked down to the Millville Bank, and talked with L. Mulford about the railroad and Wilson's affairs. J. H. Trenchard came, and also Landis, and looked over the maps, and we fixed upon a point to start the survey, which the former is to make. In the afternoon drove out with Josh. Brick, and set a stake at what we supposed near the true place.

June 8th. Had a talk with Langley about his business. Saw L. Mulford; returned home; and then went to the cars, and found our brothers and sisters, and a few other relatives who had come down, and took them to our house. We went to the glass-works, then to foundry and cotton-mill, then took lunch, and then to cars; the party returning by the three o'clock train. Altogether a pleasant visit.

June 9th. Went to meeting with wife; quite a long discourse by Mr. Ashbrook, the regular pastor, and prayer by Asbury Chester. Walked up the canal with Greene, and found the bank in good order. In the evening walked with wife on the wharf, which is now pretty well filled with wood.

June 10th. Rose early, looked round at the business of the various concerns, and left with Stuart in the cars for the city.

June 12th. Called upon the Penn Township Bank, and found I could get no extension on a demand loan. Went into the grain market, and found grain plenty. Left in the train at three, and reached Millville in good time. Found wife well.

June 13th. Took Noah Sheldon, drove up to Horse Bridge, and out to a large stone, marked D. C. Wood, and along the lines of a tract of land of seventy-five acres, which he claims. It is of very little value, but has some wood on it. Left in the three o'clock train with wife for city.

June 20th. Read letter from Landis, demanding a matter that I cannot comply with; I so informed him. It probably closes our negotiations.

"*June 21st.* Occupied in the morning with Coffin, who came as agent of C. K. Landis, to arrange a difficulty between us, in regard to the interferences in the survey I sold him. Left at three in cars, with wife, and, after getting to Millville, saw Mr. Trenchard; talked with him about the survey, which I directed him to continue to make. 1861.
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"*June 22d.* Went down to the flour-mill to look at some wheat just sent from Philadelphia and New York, and was satisfied. Walked down to bank, and talked with the secretary about the railroad prospects for payment. Talked with S. A. Garrison about renting the railroad, proposing that the party should pay five thousand dollars per annum. Suggested afterwards to G. W. Thomas that he should join. Left at three, going to Germantown; wife staying in the city.

"*June 23d.* At meeting with children; which was large, and was addressed by two men and two women, the latter having much the superiority in chasteness of style and correctness of pronunciation. We are now pleasantly situated, in B. V. Marsh's house, in Germantown; neatly furnished, and grounds in good condition. There is no doubt that the comfort of a summer life here is much greater than in the dense part of the city; purer air, and cooler.

"*June 27th.* Came to Germantown in the six o'clock train. After tea, went to Israel Johnson's, and rented a cow for three months, of his brother Elwood, for ten dollars. Our poor Jerry [a pretty Java sparrow] has flown away,—Kate having left the cage open.

"*July 2d.* Rose early; walked through the mill, and to cranberry-patch. After breakfast, to railroad depot; then to the bank; talked with the cashier, and received from him notes for the coupons of the bonds of the road; asked him to give a condensed statement of the earnings of the road. Returned to Germantown.

"*July 4th.* Went in at 7.30; had quite a long interview at St. George T. Campbell's office with Mr. Landis, and agreed

1861. to sign a paper of stipulations previous to the signing of the
 AET. 62. deed to him. Celebration of the day by the parade of the
 'Home-Guard;' which is said to have made a very good appearance. Came out, with sons, to dine, and in the evening rode up to Chestnut Hill, and returned by the Wissahiccon Road. Letter from Richard, at Nashville.

"*July 5th.* Rode Arab into the city; very fully occupied in counting-room; came out in six P.M. train. President's message; he recommends an army of four hundred thousand men, and estimates the expense will be four hundred millions of dollars to close the war.

"*July 22d.* Signed agreement with W. D. Wilson and C. K. Landis; received deed J. A. Clay. Quite depressed by the intelligence of the defeat of the Federal troops at Manassas Junction, amounting to a rout, with great loss of life and property. Came to New York by the six P.M. train.

"*July 23d.* Lodged at Astor. After breakfast, called at W. T. office; went to see Captain Branin, of Alvira; then to J. J. Earll's; then to Easton's, C. & K., of whom I bought one hundred and five bales of cotton, at fifteen and a half, to be put on the Alvira to-morrow. Did very little business. Left New York in the four P.M. train, arriving at eight, and left in the Germantown cars at nine. The gloom of Manassas has worn off a good deal by the news of to-day.

"*July 24th.* Came in with wife in the carriage; went to market, and dined with three sons at our town house. Attended meeting of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, with but little business. R. D. Greene in the city to examine the gas-works, to determine the improvement to be made at Millville. Evening to see Mr. and Mrs. Aertsen.

"*July 29th.* Breakfasted at half-past five, and left in the six A.M. train, Randolph going with me. At nine we started for Millville. I got out of the cars at Burntover Crossing, and went up to the farm. Had a talk with Andrew Sharp, who decided to take the Burntover farm at cost, and pay for the land five dollars for one hundred, and seven dollars for the

balance. Left him and took the train down, getting to Millville at 6.44. 1861.

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"*July 30th.* Visited the grist-mill and cranberry-patch. Had talk with Greene, generally, about the cotton-mill; its business is a source of anxiety, as the stock of cotton in the North daily lessens. Went to bank, and talked with L. Mulford about the railroad and bank, and the borrowing of money. Agreed for loan to pay hands at four months. Agreed to lease road. Came to Philadelphia in P.M. train.

"*Aug. 10th.* Rode into town, leaving the horse for George to ride out. Met D. S. Brown, and, after a conversation of some thirty minutes, bought their remaining stock of Memphis cotton, about three hundred bales, at eighteen cents; being the highest price paid for the article since the mill was built, and but for the rebellion would be worth only twelve and a half to thirteen cents. Came out at three, and, with wife, drove over to M. L. Dawson's, on Fisher's Lane.

"*Aug. 13th.* Dined yesterday at 1121 Arch Street, with sons. Left in five P.M. train for Millville. Talked with Greene of the mill,—of the probabilities of its going on, and of the reduction of his salary from two thousand dollars to fifteen hundred dollars. This morning to look at cranberries, to grist-mill to talk with Langley, and signed contract with Garrison and Thomas for lease of railroad for five thousand dollars. Came up in 2 P.M. train; stopped at office; went to Germantown.

"*Aug. 26th.* Drove, with family, into the city, and, after doing some business at the office, went to the boat at ten, with wife and two youngest sons, and reached Millville to a late dinner. Talked with Greene about fire apparatus for the cotton-mill, J. McNeal about the closing of the foundry for want of work, and Langley about supply of grain.

"*Aug. 27th.* Trenchard called and got instructions for continuing the survey. Settled with Andrew Sharp. Took his bond and mortgage on Burntover. Left in the afternoon

1861. train. Stopped at office and read letters. Came to German-
 town to tea.

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"Aug. 28th. Went in by half-past seven train. Provided dinner for self and sons at 1121 Arch Street. Manufactured goods selling at an advance, that may keep the mill at work at the present high price of cotton. City depressed by the state of the armies North and South; the latter having just now the appearance of success in all the points that offer an opportunity of battle. General Butler sent off on a naval expedition with four hundred men.

"Aug. 30th. Went in by the half-past seven train; read the *North American*, then went to office. Letter from son Richard from Hopkinsville, in which he argues the propriety of selling goods to Kentucky, and does it with some ingenuity. R. D. Greene came up and said he was out of oil, at which I was provoked. Great rise in cotton goods.

"Aug. 31st. Bought fine butter this morning at twenty-two cents. Conversation with Wood, Morrell & Co. about contract for rails; did not terminate as I liked. For the first time in ten years, my foundry concern is likely to be out of orders entirely, and will have to stop work unless something soon offers. Came out by the train to dine, and after dinner drove, with wife, son Edward, and daughter Julia, to Mr. George L. Harrison's, and looked at his beautiful place.

"Sept. 2d. Went in by the half-past seven train, and read the *North American* at 1121 Arch Street, before going to the office. Made contract with Wood, Morrell & Co. for Peter Donahue, of San Francisco, for seven hundred tons of street rails at forty-three dollars per ton. Quite a gleam of satisfaction pervading the community at the success of Butler in taking the fort near Cape Hatteras. Bought cask of hams at ten cents; six baskets of tomatoes at fifteen cents each.

"Sept. 11th. Advice of shipment of Surat cotton from England in the papers of this morning, and also that a load

was shipping at Bombay for America; only pay a sufficient price, and any article will appear that the community requires. Wrote to Randolph, and sent check to pay the balance due for his last bills. Among the best-written articles that I have seen on the national crisis, is one in *Littell's Living Age*, No. 902, from the *Christian Observer*. 1861.
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"Sept. 16th. C. B. Dungan made a proposition to build the railroad to Cape May for four hundred thousand dollars, which I submitted to St. G. T. Campbell as counsel. Went out by the six P.M. train, and found Julianna Randolph, and her nieces Hannah and Caroline, to tea; at eight went in by the passenger cars and lodged in the city.

"Sept. 19th. Came in on horse, and remained at 1121 Arch Street to read the news. Having Kate to take care of the house, decided to remain in the city till Saturday noon. C. B. Dungan called, and talked about his contract for the Cape Island Road. I called upon St. G. T. Campbell on this subject; he urges caution. David Fales, of Rhode Island, returned from Millville, and stated how he proposed to place his pump, and the price.

"Sept. 25th. The banks of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia are considering whether they will take a second loan of fifty million dollars of the government of the 7.30 bonds.

"Sept. 27th. Son Richard returned from the West early in the morning. Went out to Germantown at five, and, with family, to Francis R. Cope's to tea and spend the evening. Returned with son Richard in the 10.45 train to sleep in the city.

"Sept. 28th. Left for Millville. Met the Millville and Glassboro' board, and passed resolution to refer the proposal of Dungan to the executive committee. Walked to the house, and then came up in the two o'clock train. Family have all come back to city quarters.

"Oct. 12th. Read with Mr. Dungan the rough draft of an agreement with him to build the Cape Island Railroad. He

1861. was satisfied. Sons R. and E. R. at Germantown this evening. Had something of an adventure with a boy, who said
AET. 62. his name was Thomas Crooks McPherson, and that he was an orphan, from New York, on his way to Pittsburg, and was entirely out of money; gave him supper.

"Oct. 14th. Much vexed by our man, F. Brobson, going out of town and taking fire-proof keys, thus keeping us most of the day from our books. Have been suffering for two weeks from dyspepsia, pain in chest, stomach, back, and sickness. The contract, I hope, is now pretty nearly brought to a close, having been handed to us by Campbell.

"Oct. 22^d. After stopping at office, went to steamboat, and found our relatives Julianna and Richard Randolph, and Oliver and Rachel R. Parry, my wife being of the party. Arrived at Millville, and rode round the town with uncles, and, after dinner, went into the cotton-mill with aunts; also looked at new foundry.

"Oct. 23^d. Walked with R. Randolph, Sen., through the cotton-mill, examining the machinery with some curiosity; then through the foundry. After dinner went up in the cars with our friends to Vineland, and across to Sharp's, having a talk with Landis.

"Oct. 27th. Examined the air-chamber of the furnace, in consequence of a bad odor in the house, and found a dead mouse there. Reading Du Chaillu's book with much interest, although I cannot feel confidence in his stories.

"Nov. 2^d. After going to market, left for Millville. Arrived about eleven, had a general talk, and, taking a hasty dinner, returned in the P.M. train. Carpenter and Coffin in the train from Vineland. They told me that there are quite a number of visitors, who want to purchase various-sized tracts of land. The retirement of General Scott is announced. General McClellan is his successor.

"Nov. 5th. Left in six o'clock New York train, getting there at 10.30. Went to see Easton, but found cotton so

high that I did not purchase,—twenty-five and a half cents being the price for middling. Called upon various California shippers for freight on rails to San Francisco; then upon our customers in the dry-goods trade, and sold about twenty cases of goods. Returned by afternoon train.

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"*Nov. 6th.* Went to office, and had a general talk with my partners before setting off for Millville, with wife, at nine o'clock. I went to the mill, and saw them using Surat cotton for the first time. Greene thinks he can make it do.

"*Nov. 8th.* Breakfasted very early, and left in the train for city, which we reached in two and a half hours. After looking at letters, and business transactions at counting-house, went to the grain market, and bought six hundred bushels of wheat for Langley. Dined at home. Left with son Walter, at four, for Millville.

"*Nov. 9th.* Examined title-papers in reference to claim of Noah Sheldon for land near Horse Bridge. Went with wife to see cranberry-patch. S. A. Garrison called, and talked about the railroad, and the accounts of the lessees. After dinner, drove with wife through the Vineland Avenue, and find it open for nearly three miles. Found twenty bales of cotton unopened.

"*Nov. 10th.* Had a pleasant hour with wife. Went to church, and heard an interesting sermon from Mr. Ashbrook, who is remarkably active in his pulpit as well as elsewhere. His doctrines and sentiments were unexceptionable. After dinner, walked over the bank, and found a bad breach.

"*Nov. 11th.* Spent most of the morning in examining the deeds and mortgages left by my brother David, and find them carefully arranged. Bought of Noah Sheldon his right to a tract of land, beginning at the large stone, marked D. C. Wood, for two hundred and seventy-five dollars. G. W. Thomas gave me his report of the working of the railroad for October; which was favorable. Son W. returned to the city.

1861. "Nov. 12th. Rode to Union Mill, and found all right, apparently; talked about building some houses near the railroad depot. Left in the P.M. train, with wife. P. C. Garrett had bought cotton at twenty-three and a half cents. The success of the Southerners is believed, but not known; Beaufort is supposed to be in the possession of the Federal troops.

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"Nov. 16th. T. H. Whitney, C. B. Dungan, G. B. Roberts, and W. B. Miller called on behalf of the Cape Island Road, and, at their request, I wrote to Commodore Stockton about it, as president of the West Jersey. The news of the capture of Slidell and Mason causing excitement. Met committee of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, at F. Fraley's, to talk about the crisis impending over it.

"Nov. 17th. Brother Horatio came with invitation to the funeral of Elizabeth Evans; she died of a gouty affection of the heart. A noble, and now, I trust, a sainted woman. Mortality so often and so near, points to my own; the time cannot be far off.

"Nov. 24th. Read to-day an article in No. 913 of the *Living Age*, on the immutability of nature. A criticism of two books of Dr. Whewell on the History and Philosophy of the Inductive Sciences. The writer says that the will of God is the law of nature.

"Nov. 28th. Was driven to Kensington station, and reached Easton in good time. Went to Warren Foundry, and found the residence of Herman S. Heckman, the agent; spent some time with him and Mr. McLean, and, after a talk about the Jersey City contract, agreed to meet him at New York on Saturday. Left in the North Pennsylvania cars, and reached home in time to go to brother Charles's in the evening, to meet the Chancellor family.

"Nov. 30th. Drove to the six o'clock train; arrived in New York in good time to meet Herman S. Heckman and Mr. Bell, at the Merchants' Hotel, at one, and debated the question of bidding for the Jersey City contract for thirty-six-inch pipe. Without arranging, we left to meet on

Monday next at the same hour. I returned in the four P.M. train. 1861.
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"*Dec. 1st.* Walked, with wife, to call upon Dr. Morris and his wife,—not having seen them since the death of her father, Isaac Tyson. She spoke of him as having passed away from earth with full confidence of a happy futurity.

"*Dec. 3d.* Office filled this morning with the various persons with whom I do business,—Mr. Landis, W. D. Wilson, Thos. Wilson, and others; which occupied me until almost dinner-time. In the afternoon, rode down to 1435 Second Street, to see my tenant's house.

"*Dec. 6th.* Early in the morning saw Tucker, and agreed to buy the one hundred and ninety bales of cotton belonging to the Washington Company, at thirty-two cents,—a higher price than I have ever known, and one that cannot be sustained by the manufacturers. I trust the rebels will soon return to their true position, and open their country to those who need its products. Went to Millville by the nine o'clock train; saw Judge Yorke, and had a general talk with him, especially about the road.

"*Dec. 16th.* The news by the Europa of the excitement in England, caused by the capture of Slidell and Mason, was the topic of our city this morning. The general opinion is, however, that the English papers overstate the feeling of the government, although it has sent an agent, for which it detained the ship a day or two. It has somewhat affected our money market.

"*Dec. 18th.* Rose after five, and left Millville for the city. Got to office about the same time as usual when in the city. The arrival of the Jura brings intelligence of more war feeling in England, with a decline in cotton. Spent the evening at Frederick Fraley's with joint committee of Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad and the Schuylkill Navigation Company.

"*Dec. 22d.* Reading 'The Rejected Stone'—a new anti-

1861. slavery book, of the strongest opinions and most ultra character; urging that the emancipation of the slave is the great end of the war.
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"*Dec. 23d.* News from England of a very warlike character; the sending of armed ships and land forces to Canada is an indication of her intention to fight. Made sale of goods at much higher prices than heretofore, but not near the corresponding price of cotton.

"*Dec. 24th.* Talked with Jos. Cabot about a purchase of pig iron, and obtained the privilege of extending the time for accepting his offer to thirty-first. Met Insurance Company of North America; disappointed in not getting loan of N. L. Bank. Wife, son Edward, and daughter Julia went to Germantown to call on Carrie Chancellor—the expected bride of our nephew George R. Wood. Christmas eve has brought its presents and enjoyments.

"*Dec. 25th.* Our son George reports at breakfast that he has been out this morning to see Randolph at Haverford. Went to meeting; S. Bettie preached and prayed. M. C. Cope requested the men Friends to remain, to talk about a cemetery. Dr. Cheston Morris, wife, and two children to dine and spend the afternoon. Their two little boys are fine specimens.

"*Dec. 26th.* Left in the nine o'clock train, with wife and sons Walter and Stuart, for Millville, to observe the texture of some inferior cotton sent on trial.

"*Dec. 28th.* Went into the cranberry-patch, and gave directions about clearing it. Could not find ice strong enough for the boys to skate on. Called at bank. Left in the afternoon train; found all well. The government decide to give up Mason and Slidell.

"*Dec. 29th.* At meeting, Doctor Beesley preached, and W. U. Ditzler prayed. S. W. Jones spoke to me of the correspondence between Earl Russell and Lord Lyons, and his letter to Seward, and the reply, resulting in the release of Slidell and Mason, making continued peace with Eng-

land probable. The terms not very satisfactory to the American public. 1861.

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"*Dec. 30th.* The first announcement this morning was the general suspension of specie payments, which, I think, the public were prepared for, and satisfied they could not be continued while exchange on England was ten and a half per cent.

"*Dec. 31st.* Provided for dinner, to-morrow, by a profuse purchase of poultry, with which the market was largely supplied, and at moderate prices. Wrote to Dr. Wood, who is probably, by this time, in Florence; to various parties on business. Henry Allen, treasurer of Camden Water-works, called, the object being to get credit at Philadelphia Bank, to assist in building the bridge over the Schuylkill at Chestnut Street, for which he is contractor.

"The termination of the most eventful year in the annals of the United States, furnishes an ample field for speculation and reflection. The rebellion, of great dimensions, has continued to maintain itself. It may, however, now be considered on the wane, and, if no disaster overtakes the Union, it must soon compel battles that will go far to decide the contest. The resignation of General Scott and the appointment of George B. McClellan are among the prominent features of the year. The turning aside of what was apparently bringing us into a war with England has given comfort and quiet to our citizens, satisfaction to the bold, and to the temporizing policy of the pretended peace-maker confidence.

1862. *Jan. 1st.* At dinner, had all our brothers and sisters in
this country; in the evening, most of our nephews and
nieces, and a few of the old circle of New-Year parties. The
day went off very pleasantly, nothing occurring to mar the
joy of the occasion.

Jan. 7th. Financiering for payments to be made on the
ninth. The price of gold two and three-quarters to three
per cent., with a probability of going higher. J. H. Coffin
has no claim on me for brokerage in the sale of Vineland,
but had some talk with him, gave him one hundred and
fifty dollars, and took his receipt in full for any services.
There seems to be a general impression that the armies of
the Union will move forward in a few days.

Jan. 13th. Wrote to W. S. Stell, Manchester, thanking
him for his photograph. Attended meeting of the Insurance
Company of North America, and received dividend, having
made an excellent six months' work. The announcement of
the resignation of S. Cameron, as Secretary of War, was
received with pleasure. His character does not satisfy the
public of his fitness for the place.

Jan. 19th. Dr. Packard came and prescribed for Ran-
dolph, who returned from Haverford last evening somewhat
unwell. Prescribed also for Walter, who has the measles.

Jan. 22d. The currency question is the grand one of the
day, and promises to be an embarrassing one to the govern-
ment. Organized the Cambria Iron Company, by appoint-
ing C. S. Wood, president, and E. Y. Townsend, vice-presi-
dent. Attended meeting of the board of the Schuylkill
Navigation Company, in which we talked about the toll-

question for the year, and appointed a committee to take it in hand. 1862.
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"Feb. 4th. Wife came down to office and looked over the annual statement of the assets of my estate. Paid J. M. Whitall for balance due to Haverford. Rebecca C. Randolph took tea, and spent the evening with us. The subject which most engrosses the minds of thoughtful men is the financial condition of the government.

"Feb. 7th. Drove to Vineland, and walked down Landis Avenue to Robin Hood Stream, and saw a fine growth of cedar. Went to Andrew Sharp, and got his account for taking up and carting wood. Arranged with Landis for valuing timber, and agreed with S. A. Garrison to do it in conjunction with W. Garrison. Came down in cars; went to bank, and had a note discounted.

"Feb. 8th. Went through cotton-mill; found it working better than when last down, though bad cotton does not make good goods. Counted the bales; then over to the cranberry-patch; then to the store, and had a talk with Sharp about the affairs of J. K. Moore & Co. Gave Greene some directions about building a house near the depot; talked with D. Boody, and settled the terms of J. Shane's residence at the Union. Left Millville, with wife, and sons Randolph and Stuart. The capture of Fort Henry exciting much feeling.

"Feb. 10th. Handed T. Robins, president of Phila. Bank, bills receivable to pay the twenty thousand dollar mortgage on the bank building bought of them. Left for New York at two; bid for a contract for California pipe; A. Markley in the cars; spoke to me about a movement to change the government of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, Camden.

"Feb. 11th. Called upon Coleman & Co., and found them unwilling to give me an answer until to-morrow. Concluded to go to Litchfield, and left in the New Haven train at 3.30; but could get no further than Bridgeport. I

1862. called upon various jobbing-houses in New York, but made only one sale. The capture of Roanoke Island reported.

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"*Feb. 16th, Millville.* Invited Mr. Greene to see me, and talked with him about his deceased wife; he seems to appreciate his loss. Went to church; Mr. Ashbrook preached. The funeral of Mrs. Greene took place at one. The services were performed by Mr. Ashbrook and the Baptist minister.

"*Feb. 17th.* Spent the morning in cotton- and flour-mill. Left in the P.M. train—Mr. Greene going to Taunton to buy the ring-frames of W. Mason. Reached the city about four, and found the news of the taking of Fort Donelson and fifteen thousand Confederate troops.

"*Feb. 18th.* Called on Mr. Robins, and settled mortgage of twenty thousand dollars. Stomach out of order, producing a depression of spirits. Reports of the surrender of Savannah without a blow, and also of the capture of General Price and army, but which need confirmation. Wife and daughter Mary at M. L. Dawson's at a small party, having a pleasant evening.

"*Feb. 22d.* Great celebration of Washington's birthday. A procession of ten thousand military, headed by General Patterson. City Councils gave a dinner to the Governor and members of the legislature. General illumination in the evening. G. B. Roberts and C. B. Dungan to see me on the subject of Cape May extension of railroad.

"*March 7th.* President's emancipation resolution presented to Congress yesterday. Gratified by a remittance from Peter Donahue this morning. Excise bill, as reported to the House of Representatives, taxes manufactures of all kinds three per cent., and every description of specialties.

"*March 12th.* Feeling much dyspepsia, I mounted horse and rode for about an hour and a half, and felt somewhat relieved. Went with wife to dine at brother Horatio's, in commemoration of Dr. Wood's birthday, with our brothers

and sisters. Some friends in the evening. A pleasant day. 1862.
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"*March 14th.* Talked with D. J. Morrell—who has just come from Washington, having had several interviews with the President and his Cabinet—about contracts for railroad iron. In the evening, saw C. K. Landis on the subject of cutting wood off of tracts of land he sold, and expressed my opinion very freely. Wife taking tea at Dr. Morris's.

"*March 26th.* Meeting of the Schuylkill Navigation Company; the affairs of which are not in a satisfactory condition. In the afternoon, drove out with wife, Walter, and Stuart to Haverford, to see our son Randolph; found him well and comfortable. Walked about with Edward Scull, who seems a quiet student.

"*April 9th.* Reports of a great battle, on or near the Tennessee River, between Grant and Buell's advance with Beauregard and Johnston, in which, it is said, the latter were repulsed. Island No. 10 surrendered to General Pope and the fleet. The report of the great fight at Pittsburg Landing confirmed,—the Rebels completely repulsed, and driven to their fortifications. Loss of both parties, in killed, wounded, and missing, fifty thousand.

"*April 11th.* Took tea last evening with wife, and brothers and sisters, at Dr. Packard's. Looking this morning at the budding of the apricot; I think it is not killed, although the snow has been so deep. Made some efforts to sell my goods; succeeded to a moderate extent. Low prices seem to be the order of the day. Letter from Dr. Wood, written in Florence, and saying that they were going to Paris, and thence home about the first of June.

"*April 16th.* Spent much of the morning in writing the contracts with Dungan and the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company. C. B. Dungan called, agreed to sign what I had written for him, and to execute the papers, at Millville, on Thursday next.

1862. *April 18th.* Left in the West Jersey cars, at nine, with sons Edward, Walter, and Stuart. Got out at Vineland. Walked up to Sharp's, saw several of the purchasers at Vineland, and settled with them for the timber on the lots bought by each of them. In the evening came down to Millville. While at station, agreed with Merrill for the wood on his tract, and in the evening, with Rice, at Millville.

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April 30th. Mr. Greene in town. Talked with him about building a house for himself, on the lot I have sold him for two hundred dollars, opposite the foundry. Negotiated bills receivable with Philadelphia Bank, to the extent of thirty-five thousand dollars, at five per cent., the largest transaction of the kind I ever made. Signed agreement with C. B. Dungan to buy of him ninety-eight thousand dollars of the bonds of Millville and Glassboro', at eighty per cent. He expressed his wish to have twenty thousand dollars more of stock given to him to complete the road to Cape Island.

May 2d. Went with wife and son Stuart to dine, with a small party, at our brother's, at Wallingford, and had a pleasant visit. Several of our friends called to bid our daughter Mary good-bye before sailing (for Europe) with Dr. and Mrs. Morris.

May 5th. It was announced, last evening, that the rebels had evacuated Yorktown, leaving their siege guns, ammunition, and stores, McClellan's army pursuing. Wife received letter from the doctor, from Paris, with strong hopes of his wife's improved health. Our brothers and sisters, with several other friends, after tea, to take leave of our oldest son and daughter, about sailing for Europe, giving us a pleasant evening.

May 8th. Left with son Stuart and S. R. Brick for Millville. On getting there, went to the gas-house with Brick, who inspected it, and then took a look at the foundry. Saw a fire at the northeast, drove up the Horse Bridge Road,

and found it had broken out on John Comly's chopping. Drove over the Souder mill-stream, and found the fire had made large progress. 1862.
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"*May 9th.* Rode out to Vineland with Greene, then up to see the fire, and found it had progressed to Manantico Branch. Sent Curry to stop it there. It had made great ravages, both north and east. Came up by the P.M. train, and saw large appearance of fire. Official reports of the taking of New Orleans, from Commodore Farragut. A most important acquisition.

"*May 10th.* Money extremely plenty, and cannot be used better than five per cent.; but cotton rising, owing to the burnings in the South. Wife and son Stuart left for Mount Carbon. Letter from Richard, on board the Persia, speaking of their getting off comfortably. News of the taking of Norfolk, and the blowing up of the Merrimac, announced this P.M.

"*May 28th.* Left Millville by the morning train. Met Schuylkill Navigation board, at which the subject of giving a collateral to secure the notes given for boats was debated. The alarm about the retreat of General Banks much subsided. Decided to go to Johnstown at 10.30.

"*May 31st.* The desertion of Corinth by the rebels, and its occupation by Union troops, announced, and, during the day, rumors of the evacuation of Memphis and Richmond. Wrote to Henry Henderson about cotton. My son George arrested by the police for riding too fast through Chestnut Street, and I fear some trouble and expense in getting him released. Offered S. F. Smith four per cent. for loan, at four months.

"*June 2d.* Dungan and Roberts to see me about the Cape Island Road. In good spirits about the progress. Quite a disposition manifested to raise the price of cotton goods, the raw material having advanced, and the stock light. Wife and son Stuart go with me in the cars to Millville, leaving

1862. instructions for our sons George and Walter to follow us in
 the carriage, on Wednesday.
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"*June 3d.* Looked at my various interests here. The only improvement of much importance is the building of a bleachery, the provision for which I am making. Spent, what is most unusual with me, some time in playing checkers with my wife, who has become quite a match for me.* The game resembles common life.

"*June 5th.* Left in the train at 6.15; in getting into the cars, fell, and was slightly hurt; reached the city; negotiated about twenty thousand dollars, at four per cent., at the Philadelphia Bank. Wrote to son Richard. Dined in the city, and returned in the P.M. train to Millville. The extreme price of cotton and moderate price of goods decided me not to buy this evening. In consulting with R. D. Greene, concluded to extend the passage under the railroad; decided to put stone arch in place of wooden trunk.

"*June 8th.* After breakfast, left, with wife and sons George, Walter, and Stuart, and drove over to Greenwich, and stopping at Aunt Naomi's a few minutes, went to meeting. After meeting spoke to friends, and drove to Geo. W. Shepard's to dine. After walking round his farm, and taking a nap, drove over to John Bacon's to lodge; spent the evening agreeably with the family, consisting of three sons at home.

"*June 11th.* Left, with wife and sons, after breakfast, and rode to Vineland. Talked with Mr. Gillis and Mr. Tage, and saw Mr. Clark, the partner of Allen. Settled some sales with Landis; then out Landis Avenue and down the Souder Mill home. Wife busy sending out strawberries (of which there are great quantities in the garden) to our friends. In the evening called, with wife, upon Mr. Ashbrook, and had a chat. Think of fencing the tract attached to the Union.

"*June 12th.* Son George left, on horseback, to be joined

* I must negative this kind remark of my husband's, as, though he rarely played, he could do so unusually well,—too well to have an interest in playing with me.

at Vineland by Caleb [the coachman] on his way to the city. Walter and Stuart went in boat, with Frederick [the gardener], to get flowers at 'the Union,' and returned safely. Saw son George at Vineland, and took the horse and rode round the track of ground far west. Came down in the evening train, and received a letter from Mary to her brother Edward, from Leamington, England.

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"*June 13th.* With Mr. Sharp, rode over the Bennett Mill estate, which I find nearly all destroyed except the cedar swamp. J. H. Trenchard called, and brought the map of Vineland. Found an important deed from W. Cooper, showing title to the centre of Panther Branch.

"*June 14th.* Left in the ten o'clock train; found a letter from son Richard, from London; George had one from Mary. Had quite a long talk about cotton, with H. Henderson, who has returned from Tennessee; he expressed the opinion of bad feeling in that State.

"*June 15th.* Went to see mother, who is on her back from a fall a few days since, which broke the neck of the hip-bone in the socket. She seems comfortable now.

"*June 19th.* At meeting; T. Evans preached. Saw Mr. Cabot about iron, with a view to our Charlestown contract; then talked with Louis Waln about rates of interest in the money market. The Rev. Phillips Brooks took tea, and spent the evening. I have rarely met a man, in so prominent a position, with manners so simple and unaffected.

"*June 23d.* Left, in the West Jersey train, with son Stuart. Meeting R. D. Greene, on going to the boat, requested him to come down by the afternoon train. Arrived at Vineland, and found a large fire, started from James's lot, had run over near five hundred acres of timber, and killed a large portion of it. I rode through it to the Souder Mill, and returned, and had some talk with Mr. Landis about Vineland matters in general.

"*June 24th.* Talked with J. McNeal about the dipping and the shed. Saw Langley about the state of his stock, and find

1862. we will have to buy wheat. Had a full talk with Garrison
 and Thomas about the earnings of the railroad, and find it
 will net nearly fifteen thousand dollars with good manage-
 ment. Looms running in cotton-mill to-day, but one hun-
 dred less than the whole number.

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"*July 1st.* Much occupied in collecting interest and rent due this day; which were more promptly paid than usual. Finished letter to son Richard, and received letter from daughter Mary from Paris. Left in the P.M. train for Millville, son Stuart going with me; reached there safely, although riding on the engine from Vineland down, to test its smoothness.

"*July 3d.* Left in the morning train, and on getting to the city, heard of the defeat of McClellan before Richmond. In the afternoon, more pleasant news came from him, and he is now considered safe. There has been much gloom over the city, and prices of stocks fell off from three to five per cent. Occupied, on my return, in getting wheat and cotton shipped to Millville by the 'Anne M.'

"*July 5th.* Very busy preparing to leave town for Pottsville, with family, settling most of our debts. Found money-lenders not disposed to take four per cent. After dinner, left in carriage, with wife, Julia, Walter, and Stuart. Very warm to Norristown, but the extreme beauty of vegetation and the general appearance of the country were delightful. Stopped at A. D. Browers.

"*July 6th.* Went to the Episcopal church and listened to a sermon by Mr. Wirt, on the text of 'Remember Lot's wife,' from which he deduced some practical lessons. Wrote to Edward to send trunks to Pottsville, with Katy, our maid. Strolled through the town, which is bright and cleanly, almost all built of brick, and containing probably nine thousand people.

"*July 7th.* Somewhat cooler than yesterday. Breakfasted a little after five, and left Norristown for Pottstown; resting

about six hours, left for Reading, travelling through a beautiful country. People collecting their grain and grass crops. Reached Reading in time for tea, and stopped at the Mansion House. 1862.
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"*July 8th.* After breakfast, which was sumptuous, left Reading, and had a pleasant ride to Port Clinton, where we were stopped by a broken bridge. Got into train just going up, and to Mount Carbon in time for dinner.

"*July 9th.* Joined Mr. Smith in the 'Witch,' with Mr. Roberts and the two Nichols, and rode up to Tuscarora, stopping at Mr. Dovey's coaling on Silver Creek, and having a talk with him about the business of our Stahl tract. In the afternoon, rode with the same party up to the inclined plane on the Mahanoy Road, and saw the effect of the accident there. Reading Trollope's North America,—some account of his travels, but more a detail of his notions of the politics, manners, and sentiments of the people that he met with.

"*July 12th.* Our mended carriage enables us to drive this morning, and we drove up to Belmont, where I had a talk with Eli Thompson, our agent for the Stahl coal lands, and promised to see him again in a week or two. Sons George and Randolph came up in the morning train, and Katy bringing the papers and letters. Decided to return, and left at 2.15 for the city, having a pleasant ride down. The state of the cotton market grows worse, and it has become evident that a few days must stop the mill.

"*July 14th.* Occupied, during the morning, in replying to letters received during absence. Met North America Insurance Company, to declare dividend; which was four per cent. Wrote to wife, and sent her twenty dollars. Frank Cope spoke very favorably of a prize essay, written by son Edward, for the Haverford Alumni. He gained the prize.

"*July 17th.* Bought a small lot of wheat at one dollar and twenty-seven cents. Called at Life and Trust Company, and took certificate that had long been deposited there as collateral. J. P. Hutchinson proposed to increase the capital stock

1862. of the Allentown Iron Company fifty per cent. Letters
from wife at Mount Carbon, and from son Richard, at
London.

July 19th. Mr. Cresson, of Bedford, called to see me; he wanted to sell coal lands at Broad Top, and asked about eleven dollars per acre. Received certificate of stock from Cambria Iron Company, as my share from Wood, Bacon & Co. Left after dinner for Pottsville; had a talk with McGinnis in the car, about the coaling and mines, and Schuylkill Valley, and their future prospects.

July 20th. Wife and children drove and I rode to Cresson to church, and heard a sermon from Mr. Latimer, which was encouraging to the Christian. He is a little man, and seems a true follower of his Master. The ride a pleasant one but for the shower. Spent the day chiefly in the house, and in the evening reading and talking with Miss Head, who is a pleasant and intelligent landlady. Her house pretty well filled just now.

July 23d. After a short conference with young men in the office, left for Millville; stopped at Vineland, and made a settlement with Landis for some lots he had sold. Talked with Richardson about his settlement with Landis. Came to Millville by the evening train, and had a long conversation with Porter, the engineer, about the lease of the road for next year.

July 27th. My whole family drove to church in Schuylkill Haven; I accompanying them on horseback. Mr. Latimer preached a sermon to children that interested me; he reads extremely well. Read most of the day; in the evening strolled over the hill, and had a view of the river passing down the valley to Schuylkill Haven.

July 28th. Rode before breakfast to Belmont, and engaged Eli Thompson to go with us, at nine, to see our coal lands. Took sons in carriage, and, stopping for Thompson, drove up to the lands, and went pretty much round them, with map in hand. Son G. left us, and returned to the city.

In the evening McGinnis came to see me, and took up the question fully of the coal in Schuylkill Valley.

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"*July 29th.* Rode after breakfast to Schuylkill Haven. Saw the two Warners, and had a general talk with them about the boatmen and coal shipments. Shower and hail-storm in the evening, which cooled the air. Mr. Harris, engineer, and his sister, called upon us. I had a short talk with him on business, and think he promises fair to succeed. Remained in the house in the afternoon, and made some acquaintance with the ladies.

"*July 31st.* With four sons, taking McGinnis, left in carriage for the coal land tract. After getting to it, walked up to the northwest corner, on the mountain, and saw the working of Luther & Sinnickson's engine, taking a range from it to find the crown of the big vein through our lands. Mr. McGinnis was very positive that the lower tunnel cut through the saddle made by the vein, and gave his reasons.

"*Aug. 1st.* Before breakfast rode up to Tumbling Run, about eight miles, crossing Sharp Mountain, and down S. R. Valley, and was pretty well exhausted. Eli Thompson was waiting for me, and we had a talk about coal lands in his neighborhood, and of those likely to be sold soon. After dinner, drove up with wife and children, taking E. Thompson, to look at the coal workings at Eagle Hill, which we found extensive. Called to see Mr. Snyder.

"*Aug. 2d.* Wife, daughter, and sons drove with me to St. Clair. Stopped at the breaker of W. Johns; his son took us over the establishment, and told us that they mined over one hundred thousand tons, and paid thirty-eight cents toll per ton. Returned by New Castle, stopped at bank, and talked with Mr. Shippen, president, about mortgage the bank held against our coal lands.

"*Aug. 3d.* Being unwell, did not accompany my family to church. An old lady, by the name of Montgomery, gave me quite an account of herself, it being a subject in which she

1862. takes much interest. Spent a large part of the day in the
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"*Aug. 4th.* Son George and myself left in the nine train, Edward to follow; found all right at home. Dined at John Price's. Read and answered letters from correspondents.

"*Aug. 5th.* Attended meeting of the board of the Allentown Iron Company, and agreed to a lease made by the Dickenson Suckasunny Company, of New Jersey, of its iron-mines, at seventy-five cents per ton. Had a long talk with F. Fraley about the proposed railroad from Schuylkill Haven to the Lehigh Road, and the affairs in general of the Schuylkill Navigation Company."

Under the above date my husband wrote in detail of these affairs to our brother doctor, concluding his letter by reference to things both of more limited and of broader interest—the family and the nation—saying of the latter:

"I think our government is remarkably well managed so far as the finances are concerned. Mr. Chase seems fully up to his position, and, unless the war is extended much beyond the present calculation, we will work through without running into the bankrupt condition of the old Revolution, or that of the French Republic. Our debts have grown very fast, but the attempt to enhance the price of gold has reacted, and those who speculated largely will be losers.

"The call of the government for a draft does not seem to frighten the country, and the difficulty will only be great when it falls on those unwilling to go. The faith that has long been given to McClellan is beginning to give way, and he is now regarded by many, whose confidence heretofore was great, as only a pretender, and his resemblance to Napoleon to be only that of a copyist of his addresses to his armies, while his actions seem to be governed by the leaders of a party who use him as an instrument to put them into power. Many think him either a villain of the deepest dye,

or an ass. I confess that I am leaning to the latter opinion. He is probably a St. Clair, and not an Arnold; and I think his neglecting to march, in February, to Manassas and on to Richmond, has been the great cause of the immense effort the country has now to make at a cost of so many millions. All Americans of strength and character should now be at home. In fact, I think any one whose heart is on this side the Atlantic should be here in person.

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"Aug. 11th. Left in the nine train for Millville. Talked with Mr. Greene about the trunk for the bleachery, which I saw was provided for; also with Curry about renting the Union property. Came back by the train, with a large number of passengers. Replied to a number of letters, and found one from my wife.

"Aug. 13th. Bought cotton at forty-eight cents,—the highest price to this time. Felt uncomfortable all day from the state of stomach, which has been recurring every few days for nearly two months; living upon peaches does not seem to cure it. Met Schuylkill Navigation board; the president said we would have to pay the N. H. and M. Hill Road about fifty thousand dollars, to make up their deficiency according to our contract. Received letter from Dr. Wood.

"Aug. 17th. Went to the locks to see a little steamboat that runs on the river and is used for raising sunken boats. Went, with family, to Cressonia to church, and, after service, had a talk with Mr. Latimer, the pastor; was very much pleased with his reading. Returned by the Back Road to Mount Carbon. At five, rode up to see Eli Thompson, and had a thorough talk with him about the coal lands in his district.

"Aug. 18th. Left in the carriage early, and rode down to Port Clinton, sending the carriage and horses with Caleb and Katy home. Left in the cars for Wilkesbarre, passing over the little Schuylkill Railroad to Tamaqua, then the Catawissa to Rupert, having Mr. Noble, a preacher, calling him-

1862. self a Christian. At Rupert took the Lackawanna and
Bloomsburg Road to Wilkesbarre, and reached there before
nine, stopping at Gilchrist's Hotel. Found the town full of
delegates to Democratic convention to nominate a candi-
date for Congress and county officers, which made it diffi-
cult to find lodgings. Whilst at Wilkesbarre, hired a
carriage and drove to Prospect Rock, where there is a neat
boarding-house kept by Mr. Vanlear. Called and inquired
about the coal lands I have an interest in; found them in
good care.

Aug. 20th, Scranton. Moses Taylor, and other managers
of the Reading Railroad and Iron works, being here, in-
creased the interest. Got a carriage, and went, with wife
and children, to the coal breaker and the Diamond Mine;
which we entered. Thence to furnaces, and saw them run-
ning, their product being about six hundred and fifty tons
per week for the two, and the ability of the company being
twenty-five thousand tons of rails, which they are busy in
making; price, fifty-five dollars. Coal immediately adjoining
the furnace.

Aug. 21st. Decided to leave Scranton, with family, for
Water Gap, passing over an extremely barren country,
sometimes covered with hemlock, and at others only with
small ferns. The Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Rail-
road, being chiefly used for coal, is six feet gauge. Reached
the Gap in time for dinner, and in the afternoon made acquaint-
ance with Gouverneur Ogden, of New York, and his wife.

Aug. 22d. Walked down the road and looked at the Gap
in its most striking position, and determined to leave for
New Hope. Had a warm ride, and reached New Hope be-
fore tea. Spent the evening very sociably with the Parry
family, who are eminently hospitable.

Aug. 23d. Oliver Parry took me over the town, showing
the mills and locks on the canal; he then took myself and
wife a long drive through the country to the Great Spring.
After dinner, went over the river to Stryker's new flour-

mill. Randolph and Walter accompanied me home, which we reached about nine P.M.

"*Aug. 25th.* At market, and found peaches cheap. S. F. Smith, late president of the Philadelphia Bank, died yesterday morning. At dinner, found wife had arrived from New Hope. The officers of the Marshal enrolled my sons Edward and George, having inquired their ages of me. J. McNeal in town; he speaks of difficulty in their township about the draft for soldiers; and J. E. Sheppard, from Greenwich, the same for theirs, on account of Bridgeton being exempt by having made her quota partly from there.

"*Aug. 27th.* C. K. Landis came up for deed. He told me that fifteen men agreed to enlist last evening at Vineland. Went among the jobbers, and find them disposed to give about the cost of making goods with cotton at forty-eight cents. Persia telegraphed from the Narrows. We expect Dr. Wood at noon to-morrow.

"*Aug. 28th.* Letter from George. Dr. Wood and party arrived about seven, and came to our house to tea, where we also had brothers Charles and wife, and Horatio and wife and children. Doctor looks well, and sister Caroline better than I expected to see her. Our party was large, and passed off pleasantly.

"*Aug. 29th.* Left in the nine train. Stopped at Glassboro', and T. H. Whitney went down with us to Millville, where the board of M. and G. Railroad Company met, and passed a resolution to give C. B. Dungan one hundred thousand dollars of stock in the Cape Island and Millville Road upon its completion, in addition to his former pay. Randolph came in cars, riding Arab down to Vineland.

"*Aug. 31st.* The favorable news from General Pope yesterday is changed to-day. The fighting seems to have continued yesterday, and the report is that the advantage is with the rebels. Want of information increases the anxiety; there is danger that Washington may be attacked, as the new troops are so untrained.

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1862. *Sept. 2d.* Had a visit from S. R. Brick, who said he was going to Millville to organize the gas company. The public mind more quiet on the subject of the battles in Virginia, and in the belief that Washington is safe. Met the board of the Allentown Iron Company, with but little business. In the afternoon, drove out with wife to a government hospital on Turner's Lane, and saw the ladies in care. The patients all seem to be convalescing. Dr. Wood, of New York, has it in charge.

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Sept. 3d. Met committee of Allentown Iron Company, but came to no decision in regard to an issue of new stock. Mr. Pomeroy called in relation to the map of Cumberland County, and wished my lands put on it. I decided to go to Millville, and went by the four o'clock line. Saw Judge Yorke in the cars. E. W. McGinnis came into my office, and strongly urged the purchase of Belmont.

Sept. 4th. Left Millville in the 6.15 train. Went to Arch Street meeting; T. Evans preached. Had a talk with E. W. McGinnis about Belmont. Took the 3.15 train to Mount Carbon, McGinnis being with me, to whom I talked about the coal lands most of the way. Stopped at Miss Head's, and, after tea, E. O. Parry, now judge, and Eli Thompson came to see me, and we went over the whole subject of the sheriff's sale of the Belmont estate. I came to the conclusion not to bid, but to talk with the buyer about a purchase.

Sept. 5th. Went into Mr. Rogers's office, and looked at map of the coal region. Left in the nine train, and had a pleasant ride, but not without much serious thought of the condition of the country and my own short stay in this world. Got home to dinner. Afternoon, bought seven hundred bushels of wheat, at one dollar and thirty-one cents for red.

Sept. 6th. Had a discussion with J. Pemberton Hutchinson and Joseph Cabot about the addition to Allentown Iron Company. Rumors of the resignation of Stanton, Secretary of War, and the appointment of General Halleck as his

successor, with the reappointment of McClellan as general-in-chief, with a strong probability of truth. Wife received a letter from daughter Mary from Switzerland, which says they sail about the end of September.

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"*Sept. 9th.* Met a committee of Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad Companies, to settle the question of tolls,—the price talked about being one and a half cents per ton per mile. Went to North America Insurance Company; at meeting a suggestion was made that the bonds, etc. of the company be removed for fear of the coming of the rebels,—it was only ridiculous.

"*Sept. 18th.* Left for Vineland, where J. M. Moore accompanied me from Fislerville; and, upon getting there, went to work and measured six hundred and twenty-one and a quarter cords of wood, at stations, which I sold him at one dollar and sixty cents per cord; then rode up to Souder Mill, and saw the progress of the coaling there. Came to Millville in P.M. train, and in the evening had an interview with S. A. Garrison.

"*Sept. 19th.* Left in the morning train. Stopped at Vineland. Sold timber to H. J. Ellis and to W. J. Spenser. Came to the city by the P.M. line. A telegraph from General McClellan says the rebels are being driven beyond the Potomac.

"*Sept. 21st.* Much saddened by hearing of the death of Mary Mitchell, the daughter of Dr. Elwyn, a lovely young woman, of much promise, good sense and matronly character.

"*Sept. 22d.* Landis and others called. Went with wife to the funeral of Ann Kirkbride. Wife took Walter to Dr. Wood to examine him on account of his deafness, for which he prescribed; Stuart also, for his pulmonic and dyspeptic affection. Very little news from McClellan's army; but the deaths reported are numerous.

"*Sept. 23d.* Received telegraph, after dinner, from our daughter Mary, that she had arrived from England in the

1862. Scotia. Gave directions for the coach to be sent to the wharf to meet her; which was done, and we had her at home to tea, looking extremely well.

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"*Sept. 24th*. Bought sixteen bales of cotton, at fifty-six cents, and found some sale for goods at paying prices. Attended meeting of board of Schuylkill Navigation Company, with very little business. Left with wife, and sons Walter and Stuart, for Millville. National affairs look gloomy. Met a Democrat to-day who was ready to separate the nation.

"*Sept. 25th*. Left in the morning train, and got out at Vineland. Mounted horse and rode up through East Avenue, and through Wheat Road to Forest Grove. Looked at the Blackwater accounts. Returning, stopped at Andrew Sharp's, and, having settled with L. Richardson, left in afternoon for Millville. Was told that Greene had a new wife.

"*Oct. 3^d*. Sold Schuylkill Navigation loan securities, yesterday, at a large advance, and to-day made transfer, and collected coupons from Broad Top. Speculation in stocks is now rampant, and scarcely a security that is not worth ten per cent. more to-day than a month back. It seems to prove the people are determined to support the nation. Children drove to Haverford to see Randolph.

"*Oct. 4th*. Met the board of the Cambria Iron Company, and discussed the propriety of buying the bed of the Pennsylvania Canal, which passes through the company's ground at Johnstown. Wife drove out to Laurel Hill, to see the grave of our daughter Carrie, and reports it well kept.

"*Oct. 5th*. In the morning, Regina Shober preached and prayed. She is rather a stranger, but is always welcome. Spent the day entirely at home, except during the time of meetings, which wife has nearly abandoned.

"*Oct. 7th*. Much troubled with toothache, and, after dinner, had a fine, large, and sound grinder drawn, because it was

loose, and would probably continue so. Met board of the North America Insurance Company, and that of the Allentown Iron Company. Made a financial transaction with Philadelphia Bank, and took up mortgage held against me of thirty thousand dollars. Approaching the end of peach season. It has been the largest and best, I think, for ten years.

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"Oct. 9th. After breakfast walked round the cotton-mill, bleachery, and foundry; then up to Millville, and saw Dr. Loper, and proposed renting some ground of Charles Garrison's heirs. After dinner rode up to W. Wallace's and inquired the price of fifty acres adjoining my Union tract, and then rode over it.

"Oct. 14th. Took tea at brother Charles's. Son Edward decided to go West with H. Henderson. Called upon a few merchants, and obtained notes for collection on commission. He left in the 10.30 train, at night, and took over ten thousand dollars to buy cotton on joint account.

"Oct. 15th. The election terminated favorably. A. Henry is mayor, by a large majority, and the State, county, city, and Congressional tickets are elected by a good majority. Wife, and all the older children, except Edward, went to Henry Chancellor's, to the marriage of his daughter Carrie with my nephew, George R. Wood. It passed off very well. I returned with Dr. Wood, leaving the party at dinner. Went to hear Mr. Brooks, with wife and daughters, and was impressed with the rapidity of his utterance; but think he fails as a reader.

"Oct. 17th. L. T. Watson called upon me to sell the lands of the Broad Top Improvement Company. After a general talk about the concern, I went to see A. S. & E. Roberts, who propose buying two-thirds of the estate, and agreed with them that, in case they made the purchase, I would join them in it. Telegraph from Cincinnati from son Edward.

"Oct. 18th. The election in the States of Pennsylvania,

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ÆT. 63. Indiana, and Ohio have resulted very differently from last year, and not very complimentarily to our good President. Those out of office care more to get in than to save a nation. L. T. Watson called on me, and I told him I would agree to the same terms of purchase, for one-third of Broad Top Improvement Company lands, that Messrs. Roberts agreed to give for the two-thirds.

"Oct. 29th. The Broad Top Improvement Company's board confirmed the sale of Watson, and I am a buyer of a third of a tract, of over seven thousand acres, for one hundred and ten thousand dollars for the whole tract. Goods going off briskly, and we bought cotton at fifty-seven to fifty-nine cents to-day.

"Nov. 1st. Letter from son Edward; says he has bought cotton at Bolivar and Cairo. Called at Schuylkill Navigation office, and received payment for half their boat loan. Wife drove out to see son Randolph at Haverford. Left in the evening train, taking Stuart, to Millville, which we reached in good time.

"Nov. 4th. Went to North Meeting to see R. W. Bacon married. Returning to the office, found letter informing me of the twenty-six bales of cotton, shipped from Cairo, having been burned on the Illinois Central Railroad, being a loss of near eight thousand dollars. Wrote to son Edward on the subject. In the evening, went to the wedding of R. W. Bacon, at the house of the bride, which was very well filled, and the entertainment extravagant.

"Nov. 5th. The elections, yesterday, in New York and New Jersey, are reported in favor of the Democratic party, which will put the next Congress in a doubtful state as to the support of the United States government. Dovey, of Schuylkill County, called upon me to negotiate for a lease of the coal lands owned by W. L. Abbott and myself; he offered twenty-five cents and to do the improvements if the vein promised right.

"*Nov. 6th.* After breakfast, went with son George to several grain-dealers; then, with wife and Mr. Geyelin, to Millville; after getting there, went into the machine-shop with Greene, and then through the foundry with McNeal, and talked with both about his—Geyelin—entering business here. Son R. came to tea. Looked at my account with R. D. Wood & Co., and, with Kemble, engaged F. F. Sharp to advertise in reference to the application for division of the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad from that of Cape Island. 1862.
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"*Nov. 9th.* Wife and sons Richard and Stuart went with me to the Baptist meeting, and heard an eloquent sermon by Mr. Webber, an Englishman, who has filled the place about twelve months. Spent the evening in reading.

"*Nov. 10th.* Son R. left in the train at 6.15, taking his mare. Rode, with Sharp, up to the Union, and, taking Shaw, traced the lines of the Union tract to that of S. A. Garrison. Went to see the corpse of Enoch Doughty, an old employé of our works. His funeral service was at the lower Methodist church. P.M., rode up to the twenty-acre field, and found a growth of young pine.

"*Nov. 11th.* Rode down to Millville, and had a short talk in the Millville Bank. Gave Greene directions to fill up a crossing at the duck-pond. Rode along the canal to 'the Union,' then the River Road all the way to the crossing of Rollin, and to Vineland, where I dined and got into the cars, Mrs. Wood coming from Millville. I found letters to answer on getting to the office, and in the evening Mr. Dungan called to talk about iron for the Millville and Cape Island Road, to lay as far as Port Elizabeth.

"*Nov. 12th.* J. M. Gunning, a real estate broker, called upon me, and asked the price of Bank Place. Without much consideration, I offered it to him for ninety thousand dollars. In the afternoon, A. S. and E. Roberts called upon me, and reported their visit to the Broad Top Improvement lands; which was very satisfactory to them.

"*Nov. 18th.* Left for Millville. Saw, on the boat, General

1862. Æt. 63. Cook, Judge Yorke, and Van Rensselaer, and talked to them about Dungan's contract for iron; they said they would advance him the money to pay. Stopped at Vineland, and talked with Landis, and received a mortgage on part of the Forest Grove tract from him. Found some of the men from the mill trimming trees in the Union mill wood, and Frederic planting cranberries.

"*Nov. 19th.* After looking about the different concerns, mounted horse and rode up to Vineland on the railroad, and found it in quite as good a condition as I expected. Several applications for loans by parties who are building and finding their funds to fall short. J. Rollins is acting as agent for me in getting wood cut and carted. Came up in the P.M. train.

"*Nov. 22d.* Letter from H. D. Vail, from the West, satisfactory as relates to business. Made some attempts to borrow money at four per cent., but find four and a half the lowest offered. Received notice of election as director of Philadelphia Bank for coming year. H. C. Wood and wife to tea and spend the evening.

"*Nov. 23d.* Wife and children went to meeting with me; S. Bettle, who has just returned from Europe with his family, preached quite a long sermon, and then prayed. The meeting unusually large,—partly on his account, partly because the summer absentees had returned.

"*Nov. 25th.* Attended meeting of the Court of Appeal, and, after some talk, was admitted to make a statement of my taxable property at Millville. Having done so, I presented it in the afternoon, and, after some difficulty, it was admitted, and, as it was about ninety thousand dollars less than the assessor's, it reduced the amount of tax largely. There are many persons appealing.

"*Nov. 27th.* Spent some time alone in the office in writing an agreement for Emile Geyelin and myself. After dinner, with two youngest sons, to Fairmount, walking over the hill and through the wheel-room. Observed several additions since my last visit. Returning, stopped at our mother's.

"*Dec. 3d.* Left in the morning, taking wife and son Stuart. Stopped at Vineland, and settled with Landis for two tracts bought by Marvin, and transacted business with Mr. Robins, seeing Captain Hall in his store. Rode to Millville; dined, and went through the mill, and round the gas-works and wharf. 1862.
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"*Dec. 4th.* Saw Langley, and got transfer of railroad scrip. Saw G. W. Thomas about the rent for the month. Rode Arab by the Union, and along the swamp to Parvin's Branch, and saw along the swamp a large number of rails. In the afternoon, took Stuart and planted pine-seeds.

"*Dec. 5th.* Rode up to Vineland, and went with Rollin to see Captain Hall's lot of forty-eight acres, on Chestnut Road. Crossed to Malaga Road; so rainy in the afternoon I spent it in the house with wife.

"*Dec. 11th.* Went, with wife, and sat with Josiah Bacon and Caroline Wood's wedding-party, at Arch Street meeting. The bride and groom made their promises very audibly and correctly, particularly the bride. In the evening, went to the wedding-party, which was very large, and passed off pleasantly.

"*Dec. 17th.* Left for Millville. Went to Forest Grove. Examined the Blackwater accounts. Dined, and then was driven, by Wilson, over to the Blackwater neck, where I saw a large number of logs cut by him; he then drove me to Vineland, where I settled with Landis for some tracts he has sold, which he paid for; then went down to Millville by the evening train.

"*Dec. 21st.* At meeting, this morning, Debora Thomas, of Baltimore, preached an earnest sermon, and Regina Shober prayed. In the evening, D. Thomas again prayed and preached with much fervor; her language is chaste and doctrine evangelical,—she has a most excellent voice, and modulates it beautifully.

"*Dec. 25th.* Much gratified by finding our son Edward just arrived, as we were going down to breakfast. All well.

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ÆT. 63. Stopped at Vineland, and rode up to Andrew Sharp's, and
then to Forest Grove, and had a talk with Wilson. Talked
with Rollin, and then rode down to Millville. Sharp and
G. W. Thomas called in the evening. Frederic reports
Greene to have been sober since the twenty-third inst., which
greatly rejoices me.

"*Dec. 31st.* Made an engagement with D. Neal for Satur-
day, to plug tooth. George went to Millville, to take an
account of stock in store. Went to the office of A. S. &
E. Roberts, to investigate the titles of the Broad Top Im-
provement coal lands. Saw Mr. Cresson there, and after-
wards settled with the president of the Broad Top Improve-
ment Company, H. D. Moore, for the purchase. Spent the
evening, with family, at David Scull's, it being a bridal party.

"*Jan. 1st.* In the hurry of collecting dividends this morning, forgot it was meeting-day ; which I regret. Found most people at their places of business. Emile Geyelin called, and, I suppose, made a closing contract for his doing business at Millville. Went to dinner at Dr. Wood's ; in the evening a large young party. 1863.
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"*Jan. 2d.* The President's proclamation the great feature in the news of the day, setting the slaves, in the rebel districts, free. It is the great question to be solved, in much blood,—if ever,—and at great cost. God only knows when the end will be.

"*Jan. 8th.* Left Millville in the 6.15 train ; C. K. Landis also came up, and said he wanted the deed for the whole estate, and to give mortgage ; to which I assented. Used the money brought from Millville—over twenty thousand dollars—in buying notes. Went to Arch Street meeting. Walter had some of his little friends to tea.

"*Jan. 14th.* Gave Kemble some money to pay the note of the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company, and, after some talk with Greene about the wages of his dresser-tenders, mounted Arab and rode up to Vineland ; talked with Landis ; came home, and took tea at Dr. Wood's, to meet Rev. Drs. Muhlenberg and Seiss.

"*Jan. 16th.* Talked with B. V. Marsh relative to the business of their firm, and think all the losses of the war have been retrieved. Met the Cambria board, and heard the report of the superintendent read ; it has also made a profitable year. The continued advance of cotton has its effect upon manufactured goods ; but the position of business is so critical that it is most unsatisfactory.

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"*Jan. 23d.* Occupied in clearing up some correspondence heretofore omitted. Son Edward seems disposed to become a cotton manufacturer, and a member of our present concern. I have rarely had a day of more full enjoyment of health. May I be sufficiently thankful and humble for the blessing. In the evening at Dr. Wood's.

"*Jan. 24th.* Wife went to Haverford to see our son Randolph. G. W. Thomas came up and contracted with Baldwin for locomotive, for eleven thousand dollars, to be ready by the first of June. Continued rise of cotton, and of cotton goods; the former, to-day, worth seventy-six cents, and the latter ten per cent. higher than three days ago. Army movements uncertain; Burnside still at the Rappahannock, and Banks without result.

"*Jan. 25th.* Regina Shober spoke; so did S. Bettie. E. Comstock, of Michigan, prayed with fervor, and for the success of the President's proclamation. In the evening meeting, E. Comstock preached Jesus Christ, his life, and the necessity for faith in and devotion to him.

"*Jan. 26th.* At bank; talked of how the State intended paying its interest at maturity. A committee was appointed on the subject of a purchase and sale of stocks. Dungan called, and agreed to amend the title of the Cape May Road. Caroline R. Yarnall and Mr. Phillips Brooks to tea. He left early, but after a pleasant talk. Dr. Wood and wife in the evening.

"*Jan. 27th.* Children had their cousins Anne, Emma, and Richard Randolph to dine and tea. Went for wife, after tea, to brother Charles's, where were a party of her old friends. Son Edward returned from Baltimore about eleven p.m., having seen Woodward, Baldwin & Co. about burned cotton.

"*Jan. 29th.* Came from Millville in the one train, and found cotton had advanced about eight cents per pound. In the evening, went to a party, at Dr. Wood's, of the members of the Philosophical Society, of which he is president.

"*Feb. 6th.* Spent the morning thinking over the proper source for getting cotton to keep the mill at work, and in the afternoon, wrote to Memphis on the subject. In the evening, went to G. M. Coates's for wife, and had some talk with the old gentleman, who seems quite bright, although over eighty and blind. 1863.
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"*Feb. 7th.* Occupied in the morning on the subject of a supply of cotton, having received a telegram from Memphis that the price of cotton there was ninety cents; went into market here, and found we could buy at the same rate.

"*Feb. 14th.* Busy with Vineland accounts. E. Geyelin signed contract for business at Millville, after a negotiation of nearly six months. I fear, from his timidity and want of decision, that the turbine wheel manufactory will not be a large affair. My son Randolph invited his classmates, and his sister some of her friends, and we had quite a large number of boys and girls to an evening party.

"*Feb. 24th.* In the evening, with sons Richard and Edward, read over the new national banking law, and was pleased with most of its features. Gold and sterling advanced again to-day, the former selling for seventy-one and the latter over eighty.

"*Feb. 26th.* Left for Millville. Stopped at Vineland, and settled with Landis; then rode Arab to Millville through the rain. Went through the cotton- and flour-mills and foundry, and in the evening talked with Thomas and Greene. At Glassboro', talked with Whitney about a bill before the legislature for a marl company.

"*March 2d.* Paid C. B. Dungan for three hundred tons of railroad iron, and took receipt of Catawissa Road for its delivery. A decided advance in cotton goods; they now pay a profit with cotton at ninety-one cents.

"*March 4th.* The carpenter began to cut down the walls for the windows in Bank Place, for the purpose of dividing the upper floor into rooms. Report of the evacuation of Vicks-

1863. burg and of the surrender of Fort McAllister current at two
 o'clock; but it needs confirmation. Read, with interest, the
 AET. 63. speech of Thomas Swann, of Baltimore, before the Union League.

"*March 6th.* The gold excitement continues; I was interested in it, as I wanted to remit to England to buy cotton, and found fifty-three per cent. premium.

"*March 8th.* After meeting, walked with wife to mother's; found her on her crutches, and better; informed us of the sale of Woodside for eight thousand five hundred dollars. Thomas Chase [Classical Professor at Haverford College] took tea, and went to meeting with us; the visit pleasant; he is a good talker.

"*March 12th.* Mounted Arab at Millville, and rode him up to Blackwater Mill, and from there to Forest Grove, and then to Vineland Station. Got into cars, and dined at John Price's. Had quite a large oyster-party of brothers and sisters for Dr. Wood's birthday.

"*March 17th.* G. W. Thomas came to see me about the marl company just incorporated, and will report again. I find quite an inquiry for Cambria bonds. Wife and daughter with me at David Scull's, to meet Elizabeth Comstock, the preacher.

"*March 20th.* Somewhat excited by a public sale of cotton; most of it was withdrawn. Paid Hayward & Co. fifteen thousand dollars on account of iron, for C. B. Dungan, for Cape May road. Went, after dinner, to D. Barker's, about a pair of horses and mules. Son Stuart quite poorly, and Dr. Wood called to see him, and said we had better send for Dr. Wister; who came, and thinks the disease may be scarlet fever, and prescribed accordingly.

"*March 22d.* Son Stuart's disease evidently scarlet fever, and, so far, the symptoms mild. Dr. Wister visits him carefully.

"*March 23d.* Daughter Julia very sick with sore throat, which, probably, is the beginning of scarlet fever. Stuart better, but coughs badly.

March 24th. Went in the nine train; stopped at Vine-land; settled with Boody and with Landis; then rode Arab across to Maule's Bridge, and down to 'the Union,' and talked with Elisha Curry; then to Millville, and talked with Langley. Took certificates from Kemble, and in the evening talked with Greene.

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March 26th. Son Edward went with me last evening to meeting of the Union Benevolent Association. Some notice was taken of a will of Mr. Desilver, leaving twenty-five thousand dollars for charitable distribution. Julia a little better; Stuart strictly convalescent; Walter growing more sick. Bought a pair of mares from D. Barker for two hundred dollars, and probably a pair of mules for two hundred and seventy-five dollars, and wrote to Curry to come up for them.

March 28th. Sick children improving, and hope the worst is over. The panic in cotton continuing; a lot sold at fifty-five cents, which, within forty days, has been sold at ninety-five cents,—a loss to the buyer of about two hundred dollars per bale.

March 29th. Children fairly convalescent, but Mary threatened, having a sore throat; wife has nursed them all most assiduously, and feels greatly relieved by their improvement.

April 4th. With all our brothers and sisters, spent the evening with our brother doctor and his wife, as a sort of fortieth anniversary of their wedding, which took place April 1st, 1823.

April 20th. Went to the funeral of Rachel Cope, at Germantown. In the evening had some Yearly Meeting friends, and at ten left for Broad Top, with son Edward.

April 21st. Breakfasted at the Exchange Hotel, at Huntingdon, with some of the managers of the Broad Top Company; then came up to Broad Top Mountain House, mounted horses, and rode with Mr. Africa over the eastern

1863. side of the tract we purchased of the Broad Top. Decided
Et. 64. that Mr. Africa should make a complete survey of the tract.

"*April 22d.* In company with A. S. & E. Roberts, two of our sons, and several Broad Top managers, drove down to the mouth of Six-mile Run, to look at the new workings and the position of the land there. Fixed upon some points where the works must be located. Went to Hopewell to dine, and then went up the Bedford Road. Returning, came down to Huntingdon, and left Edward, and then to the city. Reached home in time for breakfast, and after it went to meeting, and heard a long sermon by John Tatum.

"*April 27th.* At bank; very little business. In the afternoon drove out with wife and son to Haverford, to see our son Randolph, whom we found improving in health.

"*April 29th.* Went to bank to-day, as to-morrow is a proclaimed fast-day; and after discount was over we looked into the assets of the bank, and, having done so, dined in the building. The profits of the last six months the largest the institution has ever made. Son Edward arrived from Chicago, and this afternoon signed his acceptance of the trust of the Cape May Railroad.

"*May 1st.* A very uncomfortable cold began yesterday. Introduced Mr. Cooley, and walked with him to the wharf to look at the river. By effort, got the Vineland off before nine o'clock. Requested to give a lot for a public school; and think I will do so. Requested to settle a difficulty between McNeal and Briggs; and will try. Left in the one o'clock train, and crossed the river with Dr. Wood. Reported victories by Hooker on the Potomac.

"*May 4th.* After business at office, came home, at twelve, and began reading the deed to Landis with my son Edward, and read through the outside boundaries, which agree with the running, except a few small errors. Settled my contract with C. B. Dungan, and received one hundred thousand dollars of Cape May Railroad bonds: ninety-eight thousand

dollars were for myself, and two thousand dollars for the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company. 1863.

"*May 6th.* At bank; made dividend, five per cent. Met North America Insurance Company, and appointed an agent at Chicago. T. H. Whitney some time in my office. Examined, with son Edward, the title-deed and mortgage for Landis, and find some discrepancy. Æt. 64.

"*May 18th.* Many engagements in the office, which kept my brain fully occupied, and somewhat puzzled to keep straight. After tea went to a Randolph-party at brother Charles's.

"*May 20th.* Mounted Arab, and rode to 'the Union,' meeting Curry on the road; then to Vineland, speaking to Mr. Clapp. After talking with Rollin, rode up to Forest Grove, and dined, returning by Post and Spring Road; then to 'the Union,' and went with Curry to the sheep farm.

"*May 21st, Millville.* Curry began to plant potatoes near the post- and rail-fence. Saw J. J. Moore about the plans for the grist-mill. Left in the one o'clock train. A little party to tea,—Dr. Wood and wife, Miss Boyd, the Misses Mayer, Miss Wells, etc.

"*June 3d.* Spent some time in the office, with E. Thompson, Samuel Davis, W. L. Abbott, and Thomas Winlock, arranging to put our coal-mines at work, and agreed that Winlock should go to work at our expense to open a vein. Left in the afternoon for Millville, and went to look at the farm.

"*June 8th.* C. B. Dungan called upon me, and I brought him to the Philadelphia Bank, where he negotiated a loan at thirty days for twenty-five thousand dollars, for which I gave my guarantee on the note, he leaving fifty thousand dollars of Cape May bonds as security. Left, with wife, in the four o'clock train for Millville, and reached there about the same time as Caleb, who left in the carriage at nine A.M. Mary Naronha's marriage-day.

1863. *June 9th.* Mounted Arab after breakfast, and rode up
At. 64. toward Vineland; but meeting Jones, returned with him,
and spent most of the day in reading over the deed from
myself and wife to C. K. Landis; he left, without finishing,
to return on Saturday next. Spent the remainder of the
day about the mill.

June 10th. Rode, after breakfast, up to Vineland. S.
Mills called yesterday, and engaged to undertake to run out
wood lots on the twenty-ninth. Dr. Elwyn and my son
Edward came in the cars to dine, and spent the afternoon
in looking about.

June 11th. Left after breakfast, in carriage, with Dr.
Elwyn, my wife, and son Edward, and drove to Vineland;
thence to Forest Grove. Made an examination of the new
bleachery, and find ourselves short of stone, owing to the
great height of the house.

June 12th. At eight o'clock went, with wife, Dr. Elwyn,
and son Edward, to Bridgeton; introduced them to Mr.
Nixon, and dined at Davis's. Took the doctor to the depot
and then returned; afterward rode up to the Sand-hole tract.
Son Walter and his cousin Willie Randolph came down to
spend a day or two. Mr. Geyelin came in after tea, to
talk about his work.

June 13th. Rode, after breakfast, to the sheep farm, and
walked over it. Mr. Jones came, and Mr. Landis. The
former worked at the completion of the deeds and the
mortgage. B. came to take the acknowledgment; which
he did, and took the papers to put his seal upon them.

June 14th. Left before seven, with wife, son Walter,
and W. H. Randolph, and drove over to Greenwich to
meeting, stopping at Dr. Wood's; returning, left wife, who
is to be driven over, by Caroline's coachman, to-morrow
morning.

June 15th. Arrived in town in good time. Went home
and saw daughter Mary; then went to office, and spent
some time in settling with C. M. Morris and W. D. Wilson

the purchase at Forest Grove. Came down in four o'clock train. 1863.

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"*June 16th.* At half-past twelve acknowledged deed and took mortgage from Landis. After dinner drove, with wife, over to Bridgeton. Left mortgage with recorder, and deed to Landis. Stopped at Dr. Newkirk's, and returned with the appearance of storm. Dr. Wood and wife came at four P.M.

"*June 17th.* Breakfasted early, and rode up to Landis Avenue to meet W. D. Wilson at D. Bailey's purchase. Dr. Wood, his wife and mine, came up and met me returning, and I drove with them to Vineland; doctor and wife left for Greenwich at four.

"*June 19th.* Left in the cars, at 6.15, for the city, G. W. Thomas going up for the new engine. Went to the office and looked over the business transactions for the time of absence, and about the work doing at Bank Place. Dined at home, after a bath, and, going back to office, had a talk with Algernon S. Roberts about our coal lands. Returned in the one o'clock train to Millville.

"*June 27th.* Called on Dr. Wister to see wife. Rebels continue to approach Harrisburg and east of Carlisle. Our own forces are said to be increasing, and seem confident of defending Harrisburg. Generals Couch and Knipe in command. Handed in my income-list to assessor.

"*June 30th.* Wife slept pretty well, but not much change for the better. I parted from her with anxiety, and, after dinner, left for Millville. Talked with Kemble and Greene, with the latter about Elisha Curry.

"*July 1st.* Went to Vineland, and settled with Landis. Saw Mills surveying, and directed him how to proceed. Finished in time for the down train. Found the city calmer in regard to the invasion, and wife better than I left her.

"*July 2d.* At Arch Street meeting. Thomas Evans preached appropriately to the peculiar state of the city; and

1863. the women, after meeting, desired the men to remain, the
 AET. 64. object being to obtain aid for the colored people who were driven from the neighborhood of the Susquehanna. It is believed that a fight is going on near Gettysburg between Meade and Lee.

"*July 4th.* Spent a few hours at the office this morning, then closed, and came home, and spent the day in the house. Mrs. Wood almost well. Richard, Edward, and George, all out to spend the Fourth. Very favorable information from General Meade from Gettysburg, which lightened our hearts.

"*July 5th.* The astounding news of the entire defeat of Lee's army reached us this morning, and in the evening was confirmed by various conveyances.

"*July 6th.* At bank; at which we had very little business; but *did not discuss* the propriety of packing up the securities for easy removal!

"*July 7th.* Morning news look favorable for the capture of a large portion of Lee's army. About one o'clock the bells rang for the surrender of Vicksburg.

"*July 8th.* Son Randolph came home at the end of the Haverford session. R. C. Randolph and her son William dined with us, the mother bringing a present from her little daughter Carrie. Son Edward returned from New York, and reports cotton from fifty-five to fifty-eight cents.

"*July 10th.* Daughter Julia and sons Randolph and Walter left for Pratt's, Delaware County, after breakfast. C. B. Dungan called, and, being short of the sum to pay his note to-morrow, I bought of him four thousand dollars bonds of Cape May and Millville Railroad Co., for Kemble five thousand dollars, E. R. W. one thousand dollars.

"*July 11th.* Left in the train, at four, for Pratt's, with son George, daughters Mary and Julia, and Kate, our maid, and reached there safely.

"*July 13th.* Wife very unwell. Left in the four o'clock train for Millville. Henry Lawrence in the cars. Told him

of sale of timber to be made in September. Captain Brannin to be dismissed from the Vineland; takes it hardly.

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"*July 14th.* At eleven met the stockholders of the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad at their annual meeting, which went off satisfactorily, electing the old board. After dinner, rode up to the Union, and arranged with Curry to discharge two of his men. Saw Malcolm McNeal, and agreed to lease for the water-power for sand.

"*July 18th.* The carpenters are about closing the work at Bank Place, having been nearly five months engaged. The price of gold has fallen to twenty-six premium, the result of the military movements of the country. Sons Edward and George came with me, to Pratt's, in the P.M. train.

"*July 21st.* I find myself summoned as a juror, which has not been the case for almost forty years, and, as I have served upon but one jury during my life, I shall take no step to be released from a duty which every citizen is bound to fill.

"*July 24th.* Slept last night at T. H. Whitney's, on a luxurious bed, but awoke with headache; after breakfast he walked over to the depot with me, and we had a talk about the lease of the road. Came to the city; son R. returned from Long Branch; letter from wife.

"*July 27th.* Wife seems well again and in good spirits. We find Pratt's quite as comfortable as any summer boarding-place; the country shows the bounty of Providence in giving good crops of many kinds. Walter and Julia brought us over to the station, and Richard, Edward, and George came in with me. The news from Mexico of the declaration of an empire being made, excites some feeling this morning; Maximilian of Austria is chosen emperor.

"*July 31st.* Left Millville in the early train, son Edward coming at the same time; reached office, and found letters from wife. C. B. Dungan called, and, after some talk, showed his discomfort upon being informed that the railroad was leased to the old holders. Wrote an important letter to the president of the water company at Louisville.

1863. *Aug. 4th.* The draft made this morning takes my son Richard, H. Henderson, and David Scull, Jr. Philip Shepard came up to inform the family of aunt Naomi Bacon's death. Wrote to wife, both yesterday and to-day.

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Aug. 7th. Left Millville in the 6.15 train; found wife returned to the city not well, and intending to remain a few days. Son Richard looking up reasons to escape the draft, but his chance is slim.

Aug. 11th. Wrote to wife. Read over a lease, prepared by my son Edward, for the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad, to G. W. Thomas, T. S. Porter, and Chew, under the firm of G. W. Thomas & Co., in which firm I am to be a partner in the profits, in case of my guaranteeing to them their old wages.

Aug. 13th. At bank; very little business. In the afternoon left for Pratt's, and reached there in good time; found them exercised by the extreme heat. It was pleasant to get among them again, and we all seemed happy together.

Aug. 14th. Took an early breakfast, and left with wife and son Walter; Randolph driving his sister Mary in Pratt's carriage, Julia going between the two. Passed Woodside, and stopped at Lombardy Grove, and talked awhile with Joseph Gordon; then to our mother's new place, spending about an hour, and home to dine.

Aug. 15th. After breakfast, Caleb took us—wife, two daughters, and two sons—over to a wood of Mr. A. Sharpless's, where we spent the morning pleasantly. In the afternoon, drove to Woodside, and brought home with us, from our mother's, our son George; also Richard and Anne, children of E. T. Randolph.

Aug. 18th. Left in the four train for Millville; talked with Judge Yorke, who promised to send me stock of the West Jersey Railroad, for the paid part of my subscription.

Aug. 20th. Left in the 8.17 train; Van Rensselaer, the engineer, came up in the train from Cape Island, and says the whole of the iron will be laid this week.

"*Aug. 25th.* The most important announcement for a long time was that of the fall of Sumter, and the notice to Charleston that it must surrender in four hours or be bombarded. Wife and daughter Julia went in the P.M. train to Pratt's. 1863.
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"*Aug. 31st.* Drove to Darlington Station, dropping sons Edward and George there; wife and Walter continued on, driving past Lima, the Institute, Springfield Meeting-house, and then direct to the Garrett Road, stopping a few minutes to look at C. Fallon's place. Much pleased with the ride, and reached home about eleven.

"*Sept. 2d.* Paid income tax, which is one of the most serious amounts I have to pay in support of government, as it comes out of my receipts, and is not added to a sale of merchandise, as is the case with manufacturing. I was told by the collector, that six thousand one hundred dollars was the highest sum he had received from any one party, and he thought the largest in his district, unless that of Joseph Harrison, Jr., should be more.

"*Sept. 4th.* Daughters Mary and Julia came home from Pratt's, in full health, and well pleased with their summer resort. Left in the P.M. train for Millville.

"*Sept. 5th.* After breakfast, went to flour mill, talked with Langley, then through the cotton-mill generally. Rode up to 'the Union' with Curry, to see a mud deposit. Sold lots to the Catholic priest, and returned to the city in the P.M. train, which brought the Cape Island visitors.

"*Sept. 6th.* Felt the comfort of a day's rest from the exercise of yesterday.

"*Sept. 9th.* Went to office after breakfast, and then to the West Jersey Railroad, with wife and son Edward, and left for Millville.

"*Sept. 10th.* Son Edward went up in the train, and I followed on horse, to Vineland, where we dined, and then, with crier and surveyor, began the sale of standing wood,

1863. and spent the remainder of the day, getting home to Millville
 AET. 64. about eight o'clock, with good appetite. Sale amounted to
 over six thousand dollars, and was considered a good one.

"*Sept. 12th.* Left, in cars, for Cape Island, with wife, at half-past eleven, and had pleasant run through the forest most of the way, getting to the island before two o'clock. McMichael, of the *North American*, was in the cars; he told me he expected to stump the State for the election of Governor Curtin. Stopped at the Centre House. Son R. came down in the evening.

"*Sept. 13th.* Spent the morning reading. After dinner, strolled with my wife up the beach, and walking past Mr. Dungan's house, he came out to talk, and offered his services as our guide, to show us Cape Island; which we accepted.

"*Sept. 22d.* Put fire in the boiler at Bank Place, and find the steam to travel through the building and warm it well; it seems likely to prove satisfactory. Left in the three o'clock train for Millville.

"*Sept. 23d.* Went up with Henry Lawrence, in the morning, to Vineland, and measured, with him, three hundred and ten cords of wood, which I sold to him at two dollars and a half per cord, as it lies.

"*Sept. 24th.* Talked with Geyelin about the new turbine wheel. Mounted Arab, and rode up to 'the Union.' Talked with Curry about the sowing of wheat, and then rode up to Vineland, and saw Lichtenberg about his wood, and Snyder about his. Putting the top girders on the bleachery this afternoon, and getting ready for roof. Found the cranberry crop quite ripe. Wrote to Edward in the evening.

"*Sept. 27th.* Went to Methodist meeting with wife. A good, plain sermon by a captain of a schooner, and a prayer by a glassblower. P.M., took stroll with wife to High Bank, on the river, and sat there a short time. Finished reading the last volume of Stanhope's Life of Pitt. Most interesting, showing him as England's greatest minister.

"*Sept. 28th.* After breakfast rode up to see Barton's wood

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lot, valued at three dollars per acre. Called at Millville Bank, and was informed that note of \$10,000 had been sent to the city. Drove to Souder's mill, and walked over the woodland, then down by Brewster and Oak Road to Landis Avenue, and talked with Landis about the burning of wood in rank, which he said he would pay for.

"Sept. 29th. Rode up to the 'Union,' and gave directions about sowing the rye and wheat. The roof of the bleachery expected to be up to-day. Told Sharp to sell lots on docks for one hundred dollars. Left in the one o'clock train with wife. At Glassboro' saw T. H. Whitney, and received from him the unsigned contract for the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company. Found an advance in cotton and iron on my return.

"Oct. 1st. Putting a new grate in front parlor. C. B. Dungan called, and stated he had arranged for the payment of interest on the Cape May bonds, and talked about the sale of his cottage at seven thousand dollars. In the afternoon drove out with wife to Laurel Hill Cemetery, and trimmed the roses over Carrie's grave.

"Oct. 7th. A large sale of cotton by government, which brought the enormous price of ninety and ninety-two cents. Wife went to dine with Mrs. Yarnall at Wyndown. Left with son Edward in the P.M. train for Millville.

"Oct. 8th. Went into cotton- and flour-mills after breakfast, and at eleven o'clock to the railroad station, and had meeting of stockholders, and one of directors of the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company, and agreed to and signed contract between the company and George W. Thomas & Co., for the running of the road.

"Oct. 9th. After breakfast, looked into the mill. Left with Edward and drove to Vineland; found the board of freeholders met on the subject of bridge at the end of Landis Avenue; left in the one train for the city. Wife called to take me to Germantown, but I could not contrive to go.

1863. *Oct. 12th.* Daughter Mary and son Stuart to see our mother, in Chester County. C. K. Landis and W. D. Wilson in my office ; we went into the execution of deeds, bonds, and mortgages for the part of Forest Grove bought by the former. Wilson has now sold nearly all the land in that purchase. Met the board of the Philadelphia Bank at eleven o'clock.

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Oct. 15th. Samuel came this morning to attend the fire in the boiler in Bank Place, at ten dollars per week. Wrote to Dr. Cattell about his trespass upon my cedar swamp, and that I intend suing him and his confederates.

Oct. 18th. Dr. Coates walked home from evening meeting with me, and sat a short time ; he is a ready talker, with a memory for all that passes and all that he reads ; I wish I could absorb subjects and retain them as he does.

Oct. 19th. At bank, to the business of which I now give but small attention, having a careful president and a number of watchful directors. Wrote a letter to my wife for our thirty-first wedding-day, on the occasion of handing her the title-papers of the 'Sea Brink Cottage.'

Oct. 20th. Wife and son E. accompanied me down to Millville in the p.m. train, they continuing to Cape May. On the way down I handed the former a letter, a present for the thirty-first anniversary of our wedding-day, giving her the newly-bought cottage at Cape May, on the borders of the sea, which I trust she has many years yet to enjoy.

Oct. 23d. Steamer Vineland arrived this morning. Went round to the grist-mill, now repairing, and to the cotton-mill, to see the progress of the brown goods, and then rode down to Millville, and talked with the cashier of the bank. Wife and self came up in the one o'clock train.

Oct. 24th. Went to Haverford to meet the Alumni of the institution and hear an oration from Zaccheus Test. I called on Cabot, and had a talk about the affairs of the Allentown Iron Company, which are prosperous. Talked with Jos. Bacon about a renewal of the partnership of Wood, Marsh & Hayward. He seemed willing.

"Oct. 26th. Met Philadelphia Bank board. Very little was done. Requested H. Henderson to pay three hundred dollars, the commutation for drafted soldiers, for my son Richard, as he shows some scruples about doing it himself. Mr. Brooks came to tea, and spent a pleasant evening. He is a fluent and liberal talker. 1863.
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"Oct. 27th. Called upon J. Edgar Thomson for a letter to General N. B. Buford, at Cairo, Illinois, and also for one from Philadelphia Bank, as a general letter of credit. Negotiated twenty-five thousand dollars, at five per cent., at Philadelphia Bank. Some fears of the loss of our schooner, the *Alvira*, in going from Millville to New York. Dr. Wister called in the evening, and had a little social medical talk.

"Oct. 28th. Engaged in preparing the necessary documents for son Edward to take with him to the West; and, having obtained satisfactory letters, he determined to leave this evening for St. Louis, and from there to Memphis, and probably to New Orleans. Left with James Abbott in the Reading train for Pottsville.

"Oct. 29th. Was called at six, and, getting breakfast, left with Abbott in Valley cars, taking J. E. Thomson. Went up to coal tract, sending for —; who came, and took us into shaft, where we saw the crown of the saddle of the larger vein, and several small ones. Returned in the five o'clock train.

"Oct. 30th. Called to see O. H. Perry, and had a talk about Kurtz, bank, coal lands, etc. Had a pleasant run home. Went to office, and answered letters. Found that son Edward had left for the West at ten o'clock on Wednesday night.

"Oct. 31st. Had an interview with W. L. Abbott about the coal lands, and concerning the future management, on which we agreed very generally. Went to Philadelphia Bank, gave some assistance in counting the assets, and an examination for dividend. Dined there, and told the presi-

1863. dent I would prefer my son Richard taking my place for
 next year. He desired me to remain.
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"*Nov. 4th.* Left in train for Cape May, with Mrs. Wood, and, after stopping a few minutes at Millville, went on. General Cook, Judge Yorke, and party followed from the latter place, to examine the Cape May Road, preparatory to receiving from the contractors.

"*Nov. 5th.* Breakfasted at six, and left in the train, Judge Yorke's party coming. Went to Vineland, and walked up to Andrew Sharp's to get him to cart wood. Saw Landis. Wife came up from Cape Island. Son R. came from the city. After dinner he drove his mother up to Maule's Bridge, and then to Malaga Road, and home to Millville. I accompanied them on Arab.

"*Nov. 7th.* Came to city with wife in the nine o'clock train. Had a talk with Whitney about some alterations in the railroad. Found a number of letters to reply to. Coming up from the office, gave my consent to my son George to marry Mary S. Hunn.

"*Nov. 13th.* Left home after an early breakfast, and met W. D. Wilson on the boat. Went with him to Forest Grove. Looked at the mill, dined, then drove together pretty much over the northern part of Vineland and to the station, talking with some of the newcomers. Got into the evening train, came to Millville, and talked with Greene.

"*Nov. 14th.* Got into the nine o'clock train from Millville, and had Troutwine for company, who had been examining the river; he decides that a steam mud excavator or dredge is the economical mode of doing it. Talked with John Moore in the cars. Letters from son Edward from Memphis; he gives no reason to hope for any large supply of cotton.

"*Nov. 16th.* Went to Philadelphia Bank and voted seven hundred and eighty-five shares of stock, being about as much as all the rest voted. Went over to Camden, and met A.

Browning just as I was going into P. L. Voorhees's office, 1863.
 to whom I gave brief of title of a tract of land from which Æt. 64.
 cedar was stolen, and directed him to bring suit in United
 States court. In the evening paid, with wife, a visit to our
 next neighbor J. L.

"*Nov. 18th.* With A. Peters and R. Partington, visited the
 establishment of J. B. Lippincott, who politely conducted us
 through it; it is probably the largest of the kind in the world.
 I afterwards called on E. H. Butler on the subject of book
 cloths, asking the quantity consumed in the city. Miss
 Lizzie Rivinus spending the day; her father came for her in
 the evening, and showed us samples of cast-iron.

"*Nov. 20th.* After looking into the cotton- and flour-mills,
 and going down on the wharf to look at Hand taking up
 the railroad track, left in the nine o'clock train and went up
 to Vineland. Met T. Wilson, and rode in his buggy nearly
 all over Vineland, east of the railroad, examining the timber,
 and, returning to the station, had a talk with Landis, and
 then down in the evening train, Wilson coming to take tea
 with me; we spent the evening in negotiations for timber.
 F. F. Sharp came in to see me about building a glass-house.

"*Nov. 24th.* Looked about the factories, and then went
 with Kemble to the Court of Appeal, to get the assessor's
 valuation of my property changed, and spent most of the
 day with them, taking Greene to testify as to the cost of
 building the cotton-factory. In the evening, had a talk with
 him about drinking, when he stated he would show that he
 could do without it.

"*Nov. 26th.* Eli Thompson and R. Winlack went with me
 to W. L. Abbott's office, and we discussed the question of
 opening our coal land in Schuylkill valley; directed Win-
 lack to make a few more examinations.

"*Nov. 27th.* A letter from Edward, which speaks of his
 intention to visit Duval's Bluff to buy cotton. Talked with
 the Insurance Company of North America about insuring
 cotton from that point. The news from the Army of the

1863. Cumberland continues of a cheering character, and the price
 of gold has fallen off largely.
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"*Dec. 1st.* Wife had an interesting interview with her uncle Richard Randolph, who is near his end.

"*Dec. 4th.* Talked with Jackson about the Wood genealogy; gave him the name of the first Richard Wood known to us, and suggested that he was the brother of the grandfather of James Wood, of Gloucester, whose estate was now to be divided. Crane and Allentown Iron Companies asked us forty-one dollars for No. 2 pig metal.

"*Dec. 5th.* Walter came from Haverford to keep his birthday with us, being fourteen years old. Political convention at Cincinnati, for bringing General McClellan forward as candidate for our next President.

"*Dec. 7th.* Was prevented from going to bank, as I intended, by a call from Thomas Richardson and Mr. James, on the subject of running a line of steamships from Liverpool to this city, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Railroad, with a view of aiding the business and completing it.

"*Dec. 8th.* Talked with Josiah Bacon about the steamboat enterprise, and asked his vote. Russell Handy came to see me about the management of the cotton-mill, and agreed to go to Millville to-morrow morning to meet me there. Came down to Millville with wife and son Richard.

"*Dec. 9th.* Son Richard went up, and Russell Handy came down, by the morning train. I met him at the depot, and took him to the mill; which we went over generally. He then came and dined with us, and walked round the place. After tea, had a long and decided talk with him about coming to my employ as manager of the cotton-mill.

"*Dec. 10th.* Parted with R. Handy at Vineland; returned by train to Millville. Talked with J. McNeal about F. F. Sharp leaving the firm of R. D. Wood & Co. Mounted Arab and rode up to 'the Union;' after getting past the stable he fell, and, finding I was unable to get him up, left him;

rode up to see Curry and told him to kill him; which he did. 1863.

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"*Dec. 11th.* Took the morning train for Philadelphia, after leaving lease for J. K. Moon with Langley. News of failure to get contract at Chicago reached us by telegraph. Wrote to Handy employing him as manager at mill, and dismissing Greene from that post. Read President's message this evening.

"*Dec. 15th.* Met the board of the North America Insurance Company, and talked about an agency in Springfield, Illinois. On returning to dinner, found the windows bowed on account of uncle Richard Randolph; he died very calmly, after an illness of about three months.

"*Dec. 16th.* Talked over, with B. V. Marsh, the terms of the next partnership of Wood, Marsh & Hayward. Went with wife to hear Phillips Brooks, and from there to the residence of our late uncle Richard, and had a talk with aunt Julianna.

"*Dec. 18th.* With wife, son, and daughter, went to the funeral of our uncle R. Randolph; it was largely attended; he was buried in Friends' Western Ground; son Randolph came in to it.

"*Dec. 19th.* Dr. Wood, T. Chase, Professor at Haverford College, and Rev. Phillips Brooks, took tea with us, and spent a social and pleasant evening, seeming to coalesce very well.

"*Dec. 21st.* At bank, and had a little discussion about changing the charter of the bank from that of the State to the United States. Received letter from son Edward from Little Rock, Arkansas. Horatio and his family to tea and spend the evening.

"*Dec. 22d.* Spent most of the day in making a summary of my estate for the end of the year, which, apparently, has been one of good profit. The high price of gold has caused the prices of most articles to advance in corresponding ratio—about an average of fifty per cent. Letter from George, at Cincinnati.

1863. "Dec. 25th. Spent a few hours in my office, and in that of
Er. 64. Wood, Morrell & Co. Son George came home in the morn-
ing western line, from Cincinnati. Afterward, with wife and
son Stuart, came down to Millville.

"Dec. 27th. Went, with sons Richard and Stuart, to the
Methodist church, my wife being unwell; Mr. Duffield
preached with earnestness of manner and of voice, and
was, apparently, well listened to. Our people filled the ice-
house overflowingly full yesterday. Took a walk along the
river, and conjectured many improvements for the future.

"Dec. 28th. Left in the cars with son. At Vineland,
settled with Landis, and talked with J. W. Day about pro-
viding a corps of men for chopping, and agreed to give
them one dollar and fifty cents per day.

"Dec. 30th. Called at the mill, and received three hundred
dollars from Langley. On getting home, found our son
Edward had arrived from Arkansas. He informs me he
has purchased four hundred bales of cotton, and left them
at Pine Bluff, in charge of A. A. Rogers, merchant of that
place. George returned some days ago from Cincinnati.
He showed me a photograph of Mary Hunn.

"Dec. 31st. At Arch Street meeting; W. and T. Evans
and A. Wood preached,—all of them very orthodox, and
after the full manner of their church. Entered into special
partnership, forming the firm of Wood, Marsh & Hayward,
for three years, I placing fifty thousand dollars there, as
special partner; Josiah Bacon placing the same sum. The
previous partnership, in which I placed one hundred thou-
sand dollars, will probably wind up, and leave a small bal-
ance for profit, after returning the capital, which at one time
seemed in great jeopardy.

"*Jan. 1st.* Dined with Dr. Wood, in company with our brothers and sisters, after returning from the funeral of Townsend Sharpless. Family party, and a few others, at Dr. Wood's to tea. I had quite a talk with Dr. Seiss. 1864.
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"*Jan. 3d.* Samuel Bettle preached a long sermon, well adapted to the season, reminding us of mercies yet extended into another year. He also prayed. Wife went to meeting with me in the evening, and after it we called and sat an hour with uncle George F. Randolph.

"*Jan. 4th.* R. Winlack called to talk about renting coal lands. Son Edward left at 10.30, for Arkansas, to look after the purchase of cotton, taking with him letters from General Thomas, and Alexander Henry, the mayor, as aids and protection.

"*Jan. 9th.* Attended meeting of the Cambria Company, to hear the report of the superintendent. Wife called to see Mary S. Hunn, the fiancée of our son George, and was pleased.

"*Jan. 11th.* Attended meeting of the Insurance Company of North America, and received dividend of twelve per cent., for six months. Dined at two o'clock, and left for Millville. Mr. Landis came in the train, and told me he had bought about four thousand acres of Cooper's land, at about ten dollars per acre. Thomas Wilson finally bought the wood on Vineland, east of railroad. After tea, had a talk with Curry, and told him to cut cedar on Parvin and raft down the canal.

"*Jan. 13th.* Talked with Greene about the business of the mill. Came up by the eight o'clock train. Talked with

1864. Isaac Mulford about the project of deepening Maurice River.
 AET. 64. Found matters working smoothly at home. Both wife and self wrote to Edward, at Memphis.

"*Jan. 20th.* At a meeting of the Blair Iron Company, had quite a debate, on several questions, between Mr. Kennedy and St. Clair. Called with wife upon Mary S. Hunn, and found her a sweet girl, the only objection there not being enough of her. Met Cambria Iron Company in the afternoon, and, after tea, with wife at David Scull's.

"*Jan. 22d.* Made a little uncomfortable by being under the necessity of financiering for C. B. Dungan and E. Geyelin, the latter having no proper knowledge of the importance of punctuality in mercantile transactions. Came to Camden at two, received dividend at the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, and saw Voorhees about a claim placed in his hands for suit. Came to Millville in the three o'clock train.

"*Jan. 23d.* Went to flour-mill, and was paid by Langley. Signed agreement with F. F. Sharp and A. Westcoatt to construct a glass-house. Came up in the one o'clock train, and talked with John Bodine about the railroad to Williamstown and its connection with the Raritan Bay Road.

"*Jan. 24th.* At meeting, sermon and prayer by S. Bettle. The evening meeting, to which my wife went with me, was silent. After meeting, called, with wife, at Samuel W. Jones's. They told us the wife was in her eighty-fourth, and the husband in his eighty-third, year, having been married over sixty years.

"*Jan. 26th.* Called upon B. V. Marsh to look at my account, and found it apparently right. Met the board of the Insurance Company of North America, and called upon them again in reference to our claim by the Sunnyside, which they strongly object to paying. Letters from son Edward, from Memphis. Son Richard went to New York on business.

"*Jan. 27th.* Sons Randolph and Walter returned from Haverford for the holidays. Went with wife to Dr. Elwyn's

to spend the evening, going for her to church; the doctor was in full flow of spirits.

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"*Feb. 3d.* Called on W. L. Abbott, and signed contract for building steam-engine for Winlack & Co.; sent it in a letter to Eli Thompson, and requested him to have leases made with Wingfield. Came to Millville in the three P.M. train. Found G. W. Thomas, who had been at Trenton to contract for two cars; he says our company suffered but little in the fire at Camden.

"*Feb. 6th.* Rode up to Parvin's Branch, and then down from Garrison's line to the fording-place, and had a talk with Curry on the ground. Looked into cotton, and find a few bales on hand. Came up in the one o'clock train with wife and Walter. While at Millville, took the initiatory step for putting up the glass-house; bought the house of Haskins for twelve hundred dollars.

"*Feb. 9th.* Called on Crane and Allentown Iron Companies, and after inquiring the prices of iron, bought of the former one thousand tons at forty-four dollars, cash. Sold James, Kent & Santee thirty cases of goods. Dined at Philadelphia Bank, and helped count the cash. Lizzie Rivinus to dine and tea, and Mary S. Hunn to tea, this being the first time she has been at our table.

"*Feb. 10th.* A. S. Roberts and L. T. Watson called on me for subscription to Lewistown Furnace for five thousand dollars, which I gave. Accounts of expedition to Richmond under General Wistar, having to return without accomplishing their purpose.

"*Feb. 12th.* Left in the three o'clock train for Millville, and on the way had a talk with P. Ludlum, the senator from Cumberland County, and asked him if we could get a charter for a manufactory. Called upon Dr. Cooper to name a price for the Maurice River Swamp.

"*Feb. 13th.* Came up by the P.M. train, and, after writing a number of letters, came home, and then went to a party of W. D. Lewis.

1864. *Feb. 15th.* At bank, with a moderate demand for money, and an agreement to lend the city one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. A party to tea, made up of Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Hunn, Dr. Moss and wife, Dr. Morris and wife, Dr. Packard, and a few others.

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Feb. 17th. Sons Randolph and Walter left for Haverford in eight o'clock train. Settled with A. S. Roberts for the last purchase of Broad Top lands. Met the owners of the Packer coal lands, and found a majority of them willing to sell their shares for ten thousand dollars each. I offered them five thousand dollars per share. Read a speech by John Bright to his constituents, with much interest.

Feb. 18th. Called on J. C. Kent about the Packer coal tract, and made some suggestions. After dinner, went with wife to Earle's gallery to see the painting of the Derby races. Wrote to son Edward at Pine Bluff, and to John Kennedy, offering him nine cents for lime delivered at Millville.

Feb. 19th. Letter from Edward, at Little Rock, inclosing drafts for about sixty-five thousand dollars on J. W. Seaver, Boston, and saying he had sold his cotton purchased at Pine Bluff at about twenty thousand dollars profit. Delaware River nearly frozen over. Settled with C. B. Dungan for claims held by my various firms against him, taking ten thousand dollars Cape May and Millville bonds.

Feb. 21st. Only my son Richard to go to meeting with me. Wife and daughter Mary went to church, Edward is in the far West, George gone to see his Mary, Randolph and Walter at Haverford, Julia and Stuart spending a few days with their uncle George, where they went with a hope of fine skating,—such is the situation of our children to-day; I trust that a good Providence has them all in his holy keeping.

Feb. 22d. Washington's birthday; great parade of troops in the city, and the remnants of the war of 1812. J. McNeal, W. D. Wilson, and Henry Lawrence in office, and on their way to Trenton to oppose the law for a bridge across

Maurice River at Morristown. Margaret and Rebecca Randolph to tea. The former gave us the thrilling story of the escape of Colonel West from Libby prison. [From which her son Wallace—Captain Randolph—was also fortunate enough, through many perils, to effect his escape.] 1864.
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Feb. 27th. Had a conversation with R. D. Greene last evening. He does not like the notion of Handy's coming to Millville in any capacity. Gave a general look at the business doing at Millville, and directed lumber to be sent to J. Q. Williams, at Cape May, for our cottage there.

Feb. 28th. Took medicine last evening, and remained in the house all day to nurse a cold. Interested in reading an account of the inauguration and progress of the tunnel through Mont Cenis, in Italy; the greatest work of the kind in the world. M. M. White to dine with us.

March 1st. Am pleased to find that clover-seed has fallen about one dollar per bushel. Had rather a serious talk with E. Geyelin about his money affairs, which he manages badly, and the non-payment of his note yesterday, which he did not quite comprehend. An association has been formed to establish a wool factory at Johnstown, made up pretty much of the old firm of Wood, Morrell & Co. Lizzie Rivinus to spend the day; Amy E. Yarnall to tea.

March 4th. By prescription of Dr. Wood, I took, last night, a dose of salts and morphia, and, finding head much relieved, have been taking quinine pills every two hours to-day; I have had no sick-headache, but any cough makes pain there. Had a talk, to-day, with E. Roberts about our coal and ore operations.

March 12th. Informed Hand-in Hand Insurance Company that I should withdraw my deposit; then told the Enterprise Company I should deposit with them. The wind was from the south to-day, and from that, or some other cause, I have felt extreme languor nearly all day. Took tea with Dr. Wood, it being his sixty-seventh birth-

1864. day. The strength of both of us not more than enough for
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"*March 13th.* S. Bettle preached an unusual sermon, beginning with 'Worship God.' He followed up various forms of worship in their theory and practice; dwelt upon the mode adopted by Friends, passing on to doctrines. M. A. Lloyd preached in the evening. Wife went with me, and to see mother afterwards. Son George at West Chester.

"*March 14th.* R. Winlack called upon me, and we met at eleven o'clock, and signed a lease for our coal lands in Schuylkill County, at twenty-five cents per ton rent, and ten cents in addition until the advance we make is paid. Left, with wife, in the three train for Millville, and, getting there early, had some talk with Kemble about the management of the mill, and with Langley about flour-mill.

"*March 20th.* Found son Edward standing at the foot of the stairs as I came down; he had come on by the morning train. Sons and Julia went to meeting; E. Comstock, of Michigan, preached an excellent sermon.

"*March 28th.* Left, with wife and son Stuart, and Tyson Morris, in the cars, and got to Millville at eleven o'clock; after dinner rode up to Vineland, on the west side. Spoke to Sawyer and W. White, and returned by sheep farm. The cotton-mill is running full time, and with nearly its full quantity of machinery.

"*March 31st.* Met the board of the Philadelphia Bank; found their earnings much larger than the previous six months. At Dr. Wood's to tea, with wife and sister Hannah; Miss Dawson, of England, there.

"*April 2d.* A little party last night to tea,—Mary Anna Longstreth, Mrs. Cochrane, Rev. Phillips Brooks, Doctor and H. A. Morris, and a few others. Mr. Tucker called at my office, and had a talk with him about cotton in their country, and the means of getting it out at profit; John Thompson on the same subject. Mr. Tucker brought his

daughter and Miss Reynolds to tea, and we had quite a pleasant evening; Mary Hunn spent the evening, and sang several patriotic songs. 1864.
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"*April 9th.* Wife went to Haverford, and reports Walter quite sick with measles. Busy myself in office, and in buying wheat for Langley & Co., and sent the vessel to Millville. In the evening went to a party of Joseph Harrison, Jr., where I found a magnificent establishment, and a number of acquaintance.

"*April 10th.* After breakfast, Mr. Henderson called and put about forty leeches on my head and temples, taking about six ounces of blood, for the purpose of relieving distress and sometimes acute pain in the head upon coughing, feeling like the striking of a hammer there. Elisha Farmer took tea with us, his father being an old friend and customer.

"*April 12th.* Attended meeting of Cambria board, and agreed to accept new law and declare a dividend of six per cent. Attended sale of coal lands by Moses Thomas, but did not buy. Gold rose to one hundred and seventy-five. Telegraph from Eli Thompson, about a sale of the Wood & Abbott lands, in Schuylkill County; went, after tea, to talk on the subject of the sale.

"*April 13th.* Left, with wife, in the nine train, for Cape May. Talked with T. H. Whitney, on the way down, and found Williams, the carpenter, in the cottage, when we arrived. Our brother George accompanied us, and was useful to his sister at the cottage.

"*April 19th.* Dr. Wood informed me that B. V. Marsh has been made member of the Philosophical Society. Left in the West Jersey A.M. train for Millville, and had some talk with Cake about Cape Island and its capabilities. Abel, the painter, in the train, going to Cape Island to propose for painting the cottage. Talked with Greene, Langley, Sharp, and McNeal about their respective departments, and, after tea, with G. W. Thomas, and Malcolm McNeal, buying his Mount Pleasant farm for three thousand dollars.

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April 27th. Looked among my different concerns, and left Millville at eight for the city. After getting to counting-house, answered letters, and saw Diehl, tax-collector. After dinner, left with A. S. & E. Roberts, and Mr. Pardee, for Sussex County, New Jersey. Slept at the Merchants' Hotel, New York, which is far from being a comfortable place.

April 28th. Left New York, at 8.30, in the Morris and Essex Railroad train, and ran up to Dover to dine. After dinner, drove with a party of seven to Woodport, on Lake Hopatcong, stopping to look at an opening in the Suckamany and Herd Mines. Lodged at Woodport.

April 29th. Our whole party left after breakfast, and walked over hills, swamps, and stones, to the Ogden Mines, which we examined, and found richer than we expected. The company owning these mines have about two thousand acres. Rode back to Dover, stopping at Hopewell Forge, and other places; had a good supper, and lodged at Jollins's.

April 30th. At Dover, Mr. Jollins gave us a most excellent breakfast; after which we left, and, parting with Messrs. Roberts at Newark, went on to New York, and then parted with Mr. Pardee. Called upon Lodor & Lockwood, and A. T. Stuart, and sold to each of them a considerable amount of goods. Saw Baker, Lee & Bentley, and Smith & Co., and returned home by two o'clock line.

May 2d. The absence of a few days, and the beginning of the month, gave me a very busy morning, and barely time to meet the Philadelphia Bank board and hear the report of the six months' business. Came down in the P.M. train to Millville, and had a talk in the evening with G. M. Thomas.

May 3d. Rose at half-past four, and left in the five o'clock train. At Vineland, met W. D. Wilson, who drove me through the Vineland tract, west of railroad, and then to Millville. After some talk with our various concerns, got into Cape May train, where I found wife, who had just come from the city, and we went to Cape Island together, and spent the evening at our seaside cottage.

"*May 4th.* Rose about five, having passed the night in the cottage. Left at six, ran up to Vineland, and had interview with Landis and W. D. Wilson. Went back to Millville, where wife had stopped. We left in the one o'clock train, and, after getting to the city, I was kept in counting-room. After tea, with wife and four children, spent the evening at brother Charles's.

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"*May 6th.* Yesterday sold Landis the Sand 'Hole property, at twelve dollars and fifty cents per acre, and Wilson the timber on the Vineland tract, west of the Malaga Road. Busy in office all day, and rather too much exercise of memory, which I fear is losing its tenacity. The public mind a good deal excited by the forward movement of the Army of the Potomac, for the success of which there are strong hopes, though not unmingled with fear. Met the owners of the Packer coal lands to sign deed.

"*May 11th.* Gold went up suddenly to seventy-five and a half cents. Very various reports relative to the Army of the Potomac, and from Butler's army. Nothing of a very decisive character, except the sad accounts of the death of Sedgwick. Wife confined with a boil, which has been the case several times in the last four months. I have felt languid and weak all day. The evening papers report heavy fighting going on in Virginia to-day.

"*May 13th.* Our son Edward came home to breakfast from Sullivan County. Continued success of Grant's army reported, partly official, and strong hopes are cherished of final breaking up of the Army of Virginia. Mr. John Cessna left with me a list of ore lands at Bloody Run, to be sold at public sale in June.

"*May 14th.* Appearances indicate that an entire destruction of Lee's army is going on, but nothing positively certain has come from Grant. The extremely high price of cotton—eighty-five cents—and the uncertain state of the war, and the currency question, involve much difficulty in deciding whether to continue to work.

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"*May 16th.* After an early breakfast, left, with wife, in the West Jersey cars, and had a pleasant run down to Cape May, after being detained to take extra cars to bring up over three hundred emigrant passengers, landed near Seaville from the ship Elizabeth, wrecked near there. Most of the painters at 'Sea Brink' left for want of work.

"*May 17th.* Left the cape by the six o'clock train, and got out at Millville. After dinner, wife went to city. I went up with J. McNeal, and marked out a lot of four and a quarter acres of ground on the Sand Hole property out of the tract sold to Landis, showing the corner to Mr. Lovet, the surveyor. Garden flourishing. Cranberries overrun with grass. Told Frederic to let them take care of themselves.

"*May 18th.* Rose before five, after an almost sleepless night. Rode up to 'the Union,' and had a short talk with Comer. After breakfast, left in the eight o'clock train; stopped at Vineland, and then went to the city. Spent about four hours in office, and then returned in three o'clock train to Millville. At office saw wife a few minutes, and R. Jones, and others. Saw Mr. Greene, late P.M., and had a talk about water-wheel.

"*May 19th.* Examined account of T. Wilson, preparatory to settlement with Landis, and then wrote deed for Sand Hole property, reserving four and a quarter acres for use of the foundry. Landis came down by the train, and, after talking, agreed to meet me in the city in the afternoon of Saturday. Came up by the P.M. train, and found my wife waiting for me in a heavy shower.

"*May 21st.* Morning occupied with business,—so much so that I scarcely left the counting-room before dinner-time. P.M. was almost exclusively spent in settling several business matters with C. K. Landis, among which was that for the timber bought by T. Wilson.

"*May 28th.* There seems to be a crisis in the cotton manufacturing interests, the price of the raw material having risen to higher than one dollar per pound, involving great risk in its use.

"*May 31st.* Left in the morning train for Cape May, with my wife and a maid-servant; at Millville got out, and found our gardener Frederic, with a car-load of furniture and flowers, ready to join Mrs. Wood. Lunched, and brought home peas and strawberries.

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"*June 3d.* Left Cape May, with wife, in the half-past five o'clock train, and we both got out at Millville. Mr. Mills came up in train, and we went out and made a short survey of the Malcolm McNeal lot, which, after the survey, I paid him for,—one thousand dollars. Son George came down from city, and we returned by the P.M. train.

"*June 7th.* The Sanitary Fair opened this afternoon under favorable promise, and the public seem fully alive to its objects. Left in the half-past ten o'clock train for Broad Top.

"*June 8th.* The train was delayed by an accident to the engine, and we did not reach Huntingdon until nine o'clock. Cessna telegraphed from Mifflin to the Broad Top train to wait, which it did, and we went to Saxon and met the Messrs. Roberts, and then on to Hopewell. Dined and started for the ore-banks, but had to turn back on account of rain. Went to Dudley to lodge.

"*June 9th.* Drove, with the Messrs. Roberts, over to the opening on Six-Mile Run, and returned to Broad Top City to dine, and then walked to see the Speer and Dougherty lands, and then down to Dudley; from there to Saxon. Roberts went to Bedford, and I came down to Huntingdon, where I am writing, and waiting for the train to Philadelphia.

"*June 10th.* Cotton sold up to one hundred and fourteen and a half, and firm. In the evening, went, with wife, to the Sanitary, and found a very extensive affair, covering the whole of Logan Square, and very much filled with people; picture-gallery and the horticultural departments the most impressive.

"*June 13th.* Left, with wife, in the six train, and had much detention for want of longer switches. Our waiter-girl,

1864. Emily, was with us; wife went on to Cape May, and I, having got out at Millville, after dinner drove up to 'the Union,' and had a talk with Comer, and then to Vineland. I received pay of Richardson's mortgage, and was driven, by Landis, over part of Vineland. Came back to tea, and had a talk with Greene.

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"*June 14th.* Looked through the alterations of the mill-gearing. Settled with Kemble about the railroad stock. Gave Curry instructions about fencing, hauling logs, and harvesting. Saw Mulford; received Texas certificates; agreed about the payment of debt, and came up in the evening train.

"*June 15th.* Authorized A. S. and E. Roberts to give eleven thousand dollars for two tracts of land, owned by Speer & Dougherty, on Broad Top. Much disappointed by the non-appearance of wife by the evening train from Cape May.

"*June 16th.* Wife came up by the morning train. Bought clover-seed and white-pine lumber. Went to Arch Street meeting. President Lincoln came, this morning, to be present at the Sanitary Fair; the price of tickets doubled in consequence. The state of cotton is in a most perplexed condition, price being one hundred and forty.

"*June 17th.* Telegram reports the capture of Petersburg by the Union troops, though the last despatch does not positively confirm it. Authorized L. T. Watson to buy Fegart's coal land, in the belt tract, but did not limit the price. Wrote to G. B. Holmes about the bleaching machinery, asking him to fix the price or give up the contract. Dr. Wood to tea.

"*June 20th.* Major Morton is reported killed, in the attack on Petersburg. Left in the 11.30 train for Millville; walked round to look at the various improvements in progress, after the workmen had gone.

"*June 21st.* Rose early and looked through the mill and bleachery, and find the mill running well with the turbine wheel. Came up by the 6.50 train.

"*June 22d.* E. McGinnis called, and left five thousand dollars as an earnest of the purchase of our coal land in Schuylkill County, at one dollar and seventy-five cents. Was requested to take a more forward seat at our meeting in Twelfth Street. 1864.
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"*June 23d.* Wife breakfasted at five o'clock, and left in the six train, with her cook, for Cape Island. Great changes in the gold market; fluctuations from two hundred and eight to two hundred and fifteen. Spent part of the day in making out Langley's accounts to June thirtieth. Prices of cotton softening a little; sales one dollar and forty-eight cents.

"*June 24th.* Went to James, Kent & Santee, and sold them one case of forty-two-inch goods at sixty cents,—just the cost of making cotton at one dollar and fifty cents. The same goods I have sold at ten cents, cotton being ten cents per pound. Wife came from Cape May by the mid-day train.

"*June 25th.* Left in the 4.30 train, with wife, daughters Mary and Julia, and sons Stuart and Edward, for 'Sea Brink,' and reached there in time for late tea.

"*June 26th.* Spent a very quiet day in reading various matters,—Ruskin on Architecture, Life of Schleiermacher, —with considerable interest. Short walk on the beach. In the evening, was annoyed by the giving out of our pump, from an unknown cause, and a notice from cook of her wish to leave.

"*June 27th.* Rose early; Edward returned in six train. Called on Cake, and engaged stabling of him at sixteen dollars per week for the pair. Went to market; left in the 11.45 train; got out at Millville and looked about. Engaged Bird to build the cedar tubs for bleachery, for twelve dollars.

"*June 29th.* One of the prominent features of the day is the continued and great rise in gold, it being one hundred and fifty. Met J. G. Crozier, who told me he should stop

1864. his mills until the prices of goods and cotton became more
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"*June 30th.* At bank; moderate business. Letter from wife, from 'Sea Brink.' Son R. went to Cape May in the p.m. line. Secretary Chase resigned, and David Tod nominated in his place. Gold one hundred and fifty-one premium. Sister Caroline sick at Greenwich.

"*July 2d.* Senator Fessenden appointed Secretary of Treasury. Left in the six o'clock West Jersey train. Got out at Vineland; talked with Landis and a number of other persons. Left there in the ten o'clock train, and stopped at Millville. Drove up to 'the Union,' and found the rye cut, and the workmen dressed for holiday, which looked unprofitable. Went to 'Sea Brink' in the evening train, and found them all well.

"*July 3d.* All my family went to Methodist meeting. I spent the day in the house, in reading and sleeping. On Saturday afternoon the house called 'the Gamblers' was struck by lightning, and much injured.

"*July 7th.* News of the sinking of the Alabama by the Kearsarge has been received. Left in the six o'clock train for Millville. Found wife and son Stuart, and with them got into the mid-day train for Cape May, in which we found son George and Mary Hunn. Reached our cottage in good time for dinner, and spent the p.m. pleasantly, except a sick headache.

"*July 8th.* Wife left in the six o'clock train for Millville, and returned by the mid-day train. Heard an earnest complaint from W. B. Miller about the management of the railroad company, which has caused a steamboat to be put on from the city. It is spending time very differently from my usual habit,—sleep, and sleepy reading. Hope it may improve my health.

"*July 9th.* Family breakfasted in time for the departure of George and Mary Hunn. They seemed to enjoy them-

selves, she being a bright and pretty little creature. Find provisions easily obtained, and not much above city prices. Carrie Hartshorne and Amy E. Yarnall came down by the mid-day train.

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"*July 10th.* Our visitors, daughters, and son Stuart went to church. Wife and self in to bathe. I think the effect beneficial. A telegram reached here of a defeat of the Union forces on the Monocacy, and that much fear and excitement existed at Baltimore and Washington.

"*July 11th.* Left in the six o'clock train. Quite a large number of passengers. Stopped at Millville, and talked with most of those with whom I have an interest. Steam saw-mill at Forest Grove burnt on Saturday evening. Wife came up in the noon train, and also about sixty sailors from vessels captured by the Florida and sent by her to the Breakwater.

"*July 13th.* Breakfasted with family at five o'clock, and left in the six o'clock train for Millville. Attended meeting of stockholders of Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company, and, after the election of directors of the railroad company, a meeting of the board, at which a dividend of three per cent. was declared. Drove up to 'the Union.' A fire in the swamp; requested Comer to stop it. Left for 'Sea Brink' in the evening train.

"*July 14th.* Wrote to W. Brothers & Co. to meet me at Millville, on Saturday, at eight. News of the invasion more satisfactory. Wife, sons Randolph and Walter, came down in time for dinner. Found bathing pleasant, and, I trust, beneficial. Sarah F. Smiley to tea. My first acquaintance with her.

"*July 15th.* Rebels seem on the retreat from Washington. Mrs. Margaret C. Randolph, accompanied by Alice and Ellen Welsh and my son Richard, came in train for dinner. Visit from David S. Brown, wife, and daughter. After tea, strolled on the beach with our visitors.

"*July 20th.* Had a short talk with Mr. Comegys about

1864. the failure of Mr. Fessenden to get the loan of fifty millions
 of dollars. Miss Duane and Miss Rivinus went to Cape
 May by morning train.

"*July 21st.* Left in the six o'clock train for Millville. Stopped at Vineland, and had a settlement for releases and Hamilton's mortgage with C. K. Landis. Curry drove me to Millville, and, after talking to my people there, got into twelve M. train for Cape May.

"*July 22d.* Rode on horseback after breakfast, and about twelve went in to bathe with the family and visitors. Spent a considerable part of the day in reading *Vanity Fair*, by Thackeray. In the evening, walked over to Columbia House with Mary Scull, to see Jeremiah Hacker and wife.

"*July 23d.* After breakfast, rode on Dick up to the farm of Wm. Bates, near Fishing Creek, which contains about three hundred acres. Saw his cranberry-patch of five or six acres, which is about half planted, and from which he has several hundred bushels; W. Bates is a large fruit-cultivator. Brother Charles came by the mid-day train, and is staying with us. Mrs. Randolph and the Misses Welsh left in the early train.

"*July 27th.* Paid subscription to Sanitary Fair, and settled several purchases by Mrs. Wood; paid also subscription to colored academy in southern part of the city. C. B. Dungan called on me, to settle disputed claim; but we did not agree. Settled some coupons I owed him.

"*Aug. 6th.* Wife and son Walter went with me to Millville. Misses Tucker and Reynolds went to city to meet son George and go to Atlantic City. Saw a number of those in my interests at Millville, and offered to Chester to loan the township ten thousand dollars in case it prevented the draft. Returned by the noon train. H. Cope and daughter called after tea, and spent an hour. Son Edward came down in evening train.

"*Aug. 12th.* Called upon James, Kent & Santee, and made

a sale of seventeen cases of goods at satisfactory prices. 1864.
Left in the ten o'clock train for Cape May, Dr. Wood being Æt. 65.
in the cars; had a pleasant run, getting there in good time.
D. Scull and wife have been with us. H. C. Wood and wife
stay to-night.

"*Aug. 13th.* Warm bathing to-day; every one seemed to
enjoy it. Son Edward came down by the six o'clock train,
and son Richard and brother Charles by the mid-day train.
In the evening went, in a body, to see our relatives at
Congress Hall, which is overflowing full. Double trains
running in the evening.

"*Aug. 14th.* Our brother doctor and wife, D. Scull and wife,
Horatio and wife and son Willie, and brother Charles, with
all our sons and daughters, to dinner and tea, constituting
a pleasant party of our nearest earthly attachments.

"*Aug. 18th.* Started, with wife, in six o'clock train for
Cape May. Wife looked at the mansion at Millville, and
then went down by the noon train to Cape May. Geyelin
came by noon train, and, together with Greene and McNeal,
examined the question of the connection of the foundry
wheel to the cupola of Geyelin. I left in the evening train,
and got to Cape May to tea.

"*Aug. 24th.* Left in the six o'clock train, and got out at
Millville. Looked at the various improvements, particularly
the pit for the wheel. Left for 'Sea Brink' quarter before
twelve o'clock, and reached it in good time for dinner, find-
ing George Randolph, wife, and children, and Edward T.
Randolph, wife, and children.

"*Aug. 26th.* Left in the six o'clock train, with wife, Edward
and George Randolph and their families, and sister Mary.
Got out at Millville and looked around; our visitors stopping
for the P.M. train, which was detained until five o'clock, much
to their annoyance.

"*Aug. 30th.* The fall of Fort Morgan announced this
morning. Spent the day chiefly in replying to letters that
came to hand in my absence. Met Cambria Company, to

1864. discuss the propriety of giving twenty-five thousand dollars
to the workmen to avoid the draft, and decided to do it.
ET. 65. Borrowed ten thousand dollars for Millville bonds.

"*Sept. 5th.* Closed the house at the seaside for the season.

"*Sept. 7th.* At the request of the president, called at the Philadelphia Bank, and, together with Mr. L. R. Ashhurst, had a conference about a change of the institution from a State to a National bank, under the late act of the United States and State governments.

"*Sept. 12th.* At bank, where the offering was heavy, and I learned that I had obtained the government loan I bid for, at four per cent. Wife changed her mind in relation to going to Millville, and I went alone at three. Going down, talked with Landis and G. W. Thomas. The latter pleased with the year's work, and the lease of the railroad.

"*Sept. 13th.* Looked at the various improvements going on; then walked to the mansion, and found wife, Mary Hunn, and son George, who came by the morning train. We dined together, and then came up by the one o'clock train.

"*Sept. 15th.* Met Philadelphia Bank board. Found but little business. The board seem unanimous in their determination to change from the State to the National organization, and the stockholders ready to do their part. Determined to sell the sloop Vineland, unless something turns up to give us employment for her.

"*Sept. 17th.* Left in the nine o'clock train, with wife, and got out at Millville, where I met James and Elias Wilson, and went with them to the ground I proposed leasing them for a steam saw-mill, which they agreed to take. Left by the 5.25 train for Cape May, and had a pleasant run there. A fine moonlight night, and no difficulty of consequence in entering our cottage.

"*Sept. 19th.* Wife called me about four o'clock. At five took breakfast, then to six o'clock train, and reached the

city in time to meet the board of the Philadelphia Bank, and of the Cambria Iron Company. 1864.
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"*Sept. 20th.* Left with wife in the Camden and Amboy Railroad line, at eight o'clock, and, turning on to the Delaware and Raritan Bay Railroad at Atsion, ran through a sandy and uninhabited region, passing Manchester, and one or two other small settlements; got to Port Monmouth to boat for Brooklyn, and from there to New York and Jersey City, where we went to see the Scotia, and thence to Astor House.

"*Sept. 21st.* After breakfast, went among the jobbing merchants, for the purpose of selling goods, but found them much dejected in relation to business, owing chiefly to the fall in gold. Attended at auction sale, and found prices low. Went to Easton to inquire about the price of cotton, and left after dinner, with wife, for Long Branch.

"*Sept. 26th.* Attended, with all the members of the firm of Wood & Garrett, a sale by the government of about five hundred bales of cotton, and bought seventy-four bales, at an average of one dollar and five cents,— large falling off in price.

"*Sept. 28th, Millville.* Rose early, and called at the flour-mill and received from George Langley, with his usual promptness, one thousand and twelve dollars. James and Elias Wilson came, according to appointment, and after looking over the lease agreed upon, and the ground on the river adjoining the meadow, to erect a saw-mill, came up by the one o'clock train, having written to Whitney and Moore about the railroad.

"*Sept. 29th.* At Arch Street meeting. W. called at my office with an anonymous note in reference to our purchase of cotton at government sale. Goods looking down, and a great stagnation in business.

"*Oct. 5th.* Called upon Marshal Millward, who introduced me to District Attorney C. Gilpin, to whom I talked

1864. about the sale of cotton made by the former, and urged upon
 .Et. 65. him the necessity of the court confirming the sale. It was
 done by the court in about an hour afterwards, and we paid
 over thirty-two thousand dollars for the lot.

"Oct. 6th. Left in train at nine, with wife, for Millville;
 met S. Wills, and walked over my lots adjoining J. McNeal;
 he decided to give his title to Wills, to settle the respective
 interests of all parties. Drove up to 'the Union.' Engaged
 to run the Bennett Mill lands.

"Oct. 7th. Went up to Vineland; saw Landis, and bor-
 rowed a map; drove to Blackwater, and thence to Millville.
 Wills surveyed lots for J. McNeal, and I employed him to
 survey the Bennett Mill estate, giving him copies of the map
 and deeds.

"Oct. 10th. A bad attack of sick-headache; the worst I
 have had for months. It was annoying, as I had wheat to
 buy for Langley, and various matters to attend to. Son
 George busy with arrangements for his marriage.

"Oct. 11th. Saw Mr. Freeman, of Camden and Amboy,
 about freight for machinery, but failed to get what I wished.
 Saw D. Potter in the street, and engaged him to send a train
 of marl. Went, with four sons, to the polls; the three of
 them old enough to vote, voted, with me, the Union ticket.
 Great spirit in the election to-day; the indications are favor-
 able for our side. [How well I remember that morning!
 Our colored coachman, Caleb Burris,—a man of good
 natural abilities, a slave originally, and a minister among
 the Baptists,—who had identified himself with the family,
 stood looking after my husband and four sons as they went
 out through the garden to the polls. Then, rubbing his
 hands in great glee, he turned to me—also watching them
 with pride and delight—saying, "Ah, madam, madam! no
 prettier sight than that will be seen in Philadelphia this
 day. Five gentlemen going out of one house *to do the
 right thing!*""]

"Oct. 12th. Went to office, after breakfast, but soon re-

turned, and met our son George's wedding-party; meeting-house was filled; George and Mary went through their parts well. They have left for Niagara. 1864.
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"Oct. 14th. On leaving home, wife told me that she intended going to her mother's, in Chester County. Said to James Whitall, that it was proposed to run two steamers from Millville. Had some little talk about going to Europe; which is too undecided a question to speak of yet with any certainty.

"Oct. 18th. Talked with Robins about the sale to the bank, of stock, for the purpose of reducing the capital to one million five hundred thousand dollars; I offered him the stock at par, in gold. Saw Kirtly about an arrangement for funds to use in Europe. Drove, with wife, Julia, and Stuart, to Caroline Yarnall's to tea, and spent the evening pleasantly.

"Oct. 24th. Met the board of Philadelphia Bank; the question of the change into a national institution was concluded, and the president ordered to sell three hundred thousand dollars, in gold. I agreed to sell the bank one hundred and fifty shares at par, for gold.

"Oct. 26th. Yesterday delivered T. Robins one hundred and seventy-one shares of Philadelphia Bank stock, sold to the bank at par, for gold. Then bought of T. Richardson & Co. sterling bills of two thousand pounds, at eight and a half per cent. Left in the train for New York, at eight o'clock; at Trenton, F. S. Lathrop, of New York, got in, and had a pleasant talk to Jersey City. From there I went to Edwin A. Stevens's house, which is magnificent; crossed to New York, and went among the jobbers, and found the price of goods much depressed. Returned by six line; wife had been to Haverford and returned.

"Oct. 28th. Received gold for sale of one hundred shares of Philadelphia Bank, but declined to take less than 216½ per cent. for it. On coming to dinner, found our son George and his wife had arrived from their bridal trip, looking very well; in the evening a few of their friends called upon them.

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"*Oct. 29th.* Left, with son George and his wife, in the train for Millville; Dr. Wood in the same train. At Millville, settled interest on a gold-note with the bank. Dined with George, and had a talk with Greene and James Wilson; returned by the three train. Democratic torchlight procession; Julia a little party; Dr. Morris and wife to see us.

"*Nov. 7th.* At bank; signed an agreement to buy one hundred and seventy-one shares of the stock of the bank, at par, if required to do so by the bank, and pay in gold up to October twenty-first. Let our friends know that we intend to sail for Europe on the sixteenth if Lincoln is elected. Called to see Edward H. Bonsall and wife in the evening, to talk about their trip made in 1859, in Egypt.

"*Nov. 8th.* Election-day, but promises well for the success of Lincoln. At ten at night, it is said the city has a majority of ten thousand. H. D. Vail went to New York to look after a contract for pipe, and called upon Morris, Tasker & Morris on the same subject. Wife and son Stuart took tea with me at Dr. Wood's; subject of talk,—the war.

"*Nov. 9th.* Abraham Lincoln elected by an almost unanimous vote yesterday. Took dinner with brothers and sisters at brother Horatio's, at Germantown. After tea called, with wife, upon Dr. Elwyn and Dr. Rivinus, to bid them farewell. H. D. Vail called at quarter-past ten, to see me, after his visit to New York.

"*Nov. 10th.* Left in six o'clock train for New York. Paid our fare by the Persia. Went to Hoboken to see Mr. Stevens. Spoke with Mr. Shippen. Called upon several dry-goods men, and returned in the four train. Found cotton to be worth one dollar and forty cents.

"*Nov. 11th.* Called upon T. Robins, requested him to nominate son Richard at their next election, and had a pleasant talk with him. Busily engaged in closing a number of letters, accounts, etc. Wife in bed with an inflamed

foot; too sore to allow of her going to tea with the family at brother Charles's.

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"*Nov. 14th.* Left in the eight o'clock train, with son George and several of my partners, to whom I bade good-bye. Very busy in the counting-room finishing business and taking leave of my friends. In the evening, a number of calls to say farewell, and much occupied in packing. Settled a disputed matter with Abbott.

"*Nov. 15th.* Left in the eight o'clock train for New York. At Trenton J. G. Stevens got into the cars, and we talked about the Millville and Glassboro' Railroad, and of its connections. Crossed to New York. Saw Lyman. Came to Jersey City. Wife and children arrived; took them to Taylor's Hotel. After tea, went to see E. A. Stevens, and was at the end of a feast.

"*Nov. 16th.* Clear, bright, northwest wind. Went on board the ship *Persia* before eight, bidding good-bye to our friends. Ship pushed into the stream, and waited for the mail-boat. Our friend S. Welsh, whose daughter, Mrs. Perkins, was on board, rowed out for articles he had left. Mail-boat came before eleven; gave us additional passengers, among them Miss Harriet Hosmer, of some celebrity as an artist. Parted with the pilot about one, and ran a direct course a little north of east all day.

"*Nov. 17th.* We ran, yesterday, two hundred and eighty-six miles. Wind worked to the east; took down the sails. Began to sicken on getting up, and continued so all day. Mr. Dennis R. Alward, of Auburn, New York, introduced himself, and we found his company pleasant. He is going out as assistant secretary of legation, to London. The passengers very various in their nationality,—English, Yankees, Spaniards, two Jews, and a few ladies.

"*Nov. 18th.* Ran two hundred and eighty-one miles. Introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dodge, who have spent a winter in Egypt. Informed that Messrs. Baldwin and Armistage were on board, bound to the same regions. Had a talk

1864. with a young English soldier, who had just run the blockade
 Æt. 65. twice to see the Southern army.

"*Nov. 20th.* Service in the saloon, where most of the passengers went; Rev. Mr. Armitage, of Detroit, read it extremely well, and afterwards gave us a short and impressive sermon, which was earnestly listened to.* In the evening, got into an excited conversation with an Englishman and rebel on the American difficulty.

"*Nov. 23d.* Most of the day on deck, and in better mood. Have made the acquaintance of a Mr. Jones, a lawyer of Toronto. About noon met large steamer and ship, and in the evening met the China.

"*Nov. 24th.* Very windy, rough day. Made three hundred and nineteen miles. Met, last evening, a person of the name, of Williams, who had been in Egypt last winter.

"*Nov. 25th.* Saw land about twelve o'clock, and put off bag to news-boat. In less than an hour before getting to Queenstown, put a letter to Edward in the bag, to go by the boat to-morrow. Landed passengers and mails, and left Queenstown before six; all in good spirits, and in expectation of reaching Liverpool before twelve to-morrow. The light-houses on the Irish coast in view.

"*Nov. 26th.* Found we had made good progress in the night, and by half-past eleven were in the river at Liverpool. Landed luggage, and drove to the Lime Street station, and took passage for London at 3.45; reached there at 9.15. Drove to Grosvenor Hotel, near the Victoria station. The confusion was great on landing from the ship, but the conduct of the officials most liberal.

"*Nov. 27th.* Strolled up Victoria Street by Westminster Abbey and the Parliament Houses, and over the bridge; all of them magnificent, and the latter not less than the other two. Wife and children at the service in the Abbey

* Rev. Wm. E. Armitage, now Bishop of Wisconsin, who appropriately referred to the story of Noah, using for his text, "And the Lord shut them in."

at three o'clock. D. R. Alward called. In the evening, went to hear Mr. Spurgeon; his brother preached. The house well contrived for a large audience. Pulpit brought much forward into the church. 1864.
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"*Nov. 28th.* Damp, foggy, mild. After breakfast, our whole party entered cab, at two shillings per hour. Drove to P. and O. steamer line; then to Shipley & Co., and received letter of credit for two thousand pounds. Called at Baring Brothers & Co., on James McHenry, Overend, Gurney & Co. Mr. Alward called to tea, and spent the evening; he is intelligent and amusing.

"*Nov. 29th.* Wrote to Richard and Edward, by the mail that leaves London to-morrow for America. Wife took cab for shopping; boys and self walked to the city, and took passage from Marseilles to Alexandria in 'the P. and O.' [Peninsular and Oriental] steam line [our passage being twenty pounds each]. Met wife at St. Paul's, and drove to Mad. Toussaud's, and spent an hour or more. Had a pleasant call from Mr. Moran, and also from Mr. Clark [our fellow-passenger on the Persia], after tea. The former [Mr. Moran, for so many years our Secretary of Legation in London] talked at length about American affairs; a rapid talker and pleasant man.

"*Nov. 30th.* Wrote resignation, last evening, as director of Millville and Glassboro' Railroad Company, and inclosed it, for T. H. Whitney, in a letter of business to son George. Walked with sons, and called upon J. S. Morgan; then through Southwark to Westminster Abbey. Met wife there, and looked through it; drove afterwards to Thames Tunnel. Purchased bunting for flag, and home to tea at seven.

"*Dec. 1st.* Left at 7.30 in train for Paris; embarked at Dover at 9.30; crossed in one hour and three-quarters. Left Calais, and had a fine run to Paris, getting there about six; stopped at Grand Hôtel. Examinations of luggage almost nothing. On the way, passed St. Omers, Lille, and

1864. several smaller towns; country very level, and all planted.
 Messrs. Armitage and Baldwin, of Detroit, who crossed
 with us in the Persia, and Mr. Walker, of Philadelphia, in
 the same cars.

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"*Dec. 2d.* Upon going to our banker,—J. Monroe & Co.,—he told me of the very sudden death of our minister Dayton. Walked with Randolph through several streets, and over the river to the Chamber of Deputies, crossing again at the Tuileries Gardens, and by the Palace and the Louvre. Dined at restaurant, and was asked two francs for an apple. Find an impossibility in talking with the French.

"*Dec. 3d.* Mrs. Ware, daughter of Edward Roberts, introduced herself to me. Went to consul, and had passports viséd for Turkey, and Europe in general. Walked, with wife, to the Louvre, and pretty much through the galleries, but without examination. Had a long talk with Mr. Waln, a former English consul at Cairo.

"*Dec. 4th.* Children went to the American Episcopal Church. Wife lay by for sore foot. Walked through the Bois de Boulogne and Champs Elysées, and stepped into the Exposition of Arts and Industry, which was filled by citizens of the laboring classes. There must have been more than five thousand carriages driving in the Bois de Boulogne. Dined with family at table-d'hôte, at eight francs each; received passports viséd by the consuls of five powers.

"*Dec. 5th.* Had a talk with Rev. Dr. Sheldon, who is on his way to Egypt; he came to Europe to marry Mr. Sanford, the American Minister at Brussels. Walked, with sons, to the 'Invalides,' and talked with the old soldiers; wrote to G. W. Thomas & Co., and inclosed it in letter to son Edward. Called and inquired the character of Antonio Papidato, a courier.

"*Dec. 6th.* Walked, with Stuart, to the Bourse, the Palais Royal, and the tower of St. Jacques. Bade good-bye to Mr. Waln. Attended the funeral services of Mr. Dayton, and spoke to Joseph Swift there. Took passage for Marseilles

at 7.45, and had a cold night ride, passing Montreuil, Dijon, Lyons, Orange, Arles, Avignon, Tarascon; saw olive orchards. 1864.
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"Dec. 7th. A pleasant Frenchman and family in the car; stopped at Hôtel Luxembourg, Marseilles; walked about the town, and to the quays, and saw a number of vessels of moderate size. After leaving the Rhone, was much impressed by the large amount of barren land, on which were many flocks of sheep attended by shepherds.

"Dec. 8th. Asses brought to the hotel door to milk! Breakfasted, with wife and children, at half-past six o'clock, and left, with Randolph, in the train for Nice; stopped three hours at Toulon; walked through and round the city. I looked into the arsenal and dock-yard, but had not time to examine them. Lost our courier, François, but he came to us at the station, and we arrived at Nice before seven, having passed through continuous olive orchards.

"Dec. 9th. Rose before seven; walked with Randolph to the northern part of Nice, and took a panoramic view of the town, which is beautifully situated. It is said to contain fifty thousand people. After breakfast, walked to the lower part of the town, on the sea, on which side are built large hotels and villas. Took passage at half-past ten for Marseilles, and got back to supper. François, our guide, not of much use, as he talks English badly.

"Dec. 11th. Wife and children went to English church. Spent most of the day in the chamber, reading American papers, loaned by Mr. Vanhorn. He called to see us, and spent a pleasant hour. Told us he was from Muscatine, and was a member of the convention that nominated Mr. Lincoln in 1860. He thinks the Marseillais are not in favor of Napoleon III. Wrote to J. G. Stevens, of Trenton, New Jersey, about sale of Millville and Glassboro' Railroad stock.

"Dec. 12th. Left the hotel at six, and drove to the Syria, lying in the Napoleon docks. Got stowed away comfortably, and ran out to sea about ten o'clock, but had not

1864. been long out before we all became sick. Ran along the
 French coast. The company chiefly English, bound to
 India. Coughing very much.

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"Dec. 13th. Running between Corsica and Sardinia, and the island of Caprera in sight. Mr. Lockwood, an American, on board, bound to Shanghai, to look after some steam-boats. Ran down the coast side of Sardinia, and soon, with all the family, became very sick.

"Dec. 14th. High wind all day, and most of the passengers sick. Ship detained an hour to find her position. Landed at Malta about four, and remained for two hours, looking at the town of Valetta, and the harbor and fortifications. The harbor is very perfect, and the forts very numerous. Saw the old Church of St. John, the Government House, and the Garden of Florian.

"Dec. 15th. What was written for the day above applies to this, as the sickness was so intense as to cause me to forget the day of the week. We were much annoyed by beggars, and by the general disposition to fraud. Compromised with coachman for four shillings instead of eight, his charge,—the true price being two shillings. Wife shopped for lace. Left at ten, at night."

Under the above date, I introduce from my own journal a somewhat fuller description, which says:

"The sea is still very uneasy,—vessel rolling most uncomfortably. To use the expression of Captain Christian, 'it is a most blackguard passage.' About eleven A.M. ship's engines were stopped. From the depths of her misery, Julia murmured, '*Lost at sea!*' and so it proved we were; and that the captain fearing we had drifted, and being uncertain of our position, thought it best to pause, and await the observation to be made at noon.

"About four o'clock this afternoon we anchored at La Valetta, island of Malta. Many small boats were immediately around us, and taking one of them, with Mr. and Mrs.

Preston, we were soon rowed to shore. A small boat followed us, a lad in it begging the signoras to throw some money into the water. A sixpence was thrown, for which he at once dived, bringing it up in his mouth,—a wonderful performance.

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“La Valetta has about twenty-five thousand inhabitants. An anomalous population, under British rule. The place most strongly fortified, and filled by their soldiers and officials. We were fortunate in at once securing a good guide, who took us in the first place to the old Church of St. John, of the Knights Templar, to whom the Emperor Charles V. of Germany gave the island of Malta, on their expulsion by the Turks from that of Rhodes. They soon made this a very strong hold, and it continued to be their headquarters—seven nationalities being represented, each occupying a different locality—until the island was surrendered, in 1798, by the Grand Master Hompesch, to Napoleon, who, in his turn, was dispossessed by the English, one of whose very expensive toys it has become.

“We were much interested in the venerable church, whose gates of gold were removed to satisfy Napoleon’s needs. The waning light permitted only a hasty view of its mosaic pavements, under which repose the heroes of past days, with epitaphs and various emblems above them. Some fine figures in this church, which the guide told us were cut from one piece of marble, represent the Baptism of our Saviour by St. John, although it is not from this St. John the edifice takes its name.

“We went from there to the Governor’s Palace, the exterior of which, as that of the other buildings, is of stone. It surrounds a court filled with fine shrubbery and orange-trees,—the little mandarin orange, which we saw for the first time, being very abundant here. The signal-gun, that had just been fired, forbade our entrance, and we are told we thus missed seeing a museum of old armor, some valuable paintings, and other things of interest.

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"We looked into the noisy markets ; walked through the Florian gardens, near which are the English residences, and the Protestant burying-ground ; and saw the fortifications, whence a full view of the bay, with its many forts, is had in perfection, and from where we looked directly down into the soldiers' quarters.

"It is the general view of the place I desire to retain, with its narrow, lanlike streets, frequently so steep as to make it necessary to lay them out in flights of steps that only a sure-footed donkey can climb. No sidewalks ; projecting balconies ; population crowded to the doors, vending their wares, and doing their work at them whilst they, the foot-passengers, mules, and carriages,—where wheels can go,—are all jostled together in ridiculous confusion. Flowers were offered for sale very cheap, and in great variety ; laces also, and corals. A few simple purchases made, we returned to our boat, still lying quietly here to renew her supply of coal, giving me the opportunity of writing up my journal, and also a hasty letter to our dear Walter."

"*Dec. 16th.* Clear, and wind moderate, but the sea continued very rough. All my party suffered intensely. Made acquaintance with Mr. Young and wife, of Madras, and Mr. Ochterlony, of the same place ; Mr. and Mrs. Preston, of Calcutta. The latter a noble-looking woman. [These persons were all returning to their occupations in the East after visiting their friends in Great Britain.]

"*Dec. 17th.* Sea calm as a pond. Took warm salt bath, and felt comfortable for the first time on board the *Syria*. Family all recovered. Spent the day chiefly on deck, reading Murray's Handbook on Egypt, and in talking with the passengers ; much the larger number of them being bound for various parts of India. Captain speaks of being at Alexandria the morning of the nineteenth.

"*Dec. 18th.* The service of the English Church was read by the purser, who had an attentive audience, consisting of

all the passengers. The employés were ranged on either side of the ship before and after the service. Became acquainted with a young Englishman of the name of Baker, recently married, and going to settle at Alexandria. 1864.
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"*Dec. 19th.* Breakfasted early, arriving at Alexandria about nine o'clock. Succeeded very well in getting on shore with the aid of Hassan Ismail, and in getting through the custom-house at small cost. Stopped at the Hôtel de l'Europe, which we expected to find disgustingly dirty, and so were not disappointed. Called upon bankers and American consul, with whom I had a pleasant talk. Mr. Hale seems pleased with his post.

"*Dec. 20th.* Todd, Rathbone & Co. gave me cash for forty-pound bill on London. Drove, with family, to Pompey's Pillar and other ancient remains, and took a view of the port. Got passports from Mr. Hale, the American consul. Agreed with Ali Mustapha to go to Cairo and there decide about our Nile trip. Rowed out to the steamer Marathon, to ship a trunk to Brown, Shipley & Co. Settled with and dismissed Hassan Ismail, our temporary dragoman,—a Nubian,—who has been very satisfactory. Wrote to J. G. Stevens, Trenton, New Jersey; also to Dr. Wood.

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"MY DEAR BROTHER,—*It is something* to congratulate one's self upon to be writing from a country to which Abraham and Jacob were compelled to come for food. Where Joseph governed with more honor than any statesman who ever served a royal master, and where Moses brought the terrors of the Lord before Pharaoh. A country which gave a queen to Israel's resplendent monarch, and protection to the infant Saviour from the murderous Herod; which was denounced for its idolatry by the prophets of Judah, but sustained Athanasius and Origen, who held the divinity of their Lord with the firmness of martyrs. A country where Rome's greatest Cæsar fought, and which dazzled the youth-

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 .ET. 65. ful Napoleon with visions of empire; through which Herodotus and Strabo travelled, giving to their countrymen a story that the pen of Josephus has partially confirmed, and whose present ruler, had he not been restrained by the powers of Europe, would have seated himself on the throne of the Osmanli. And yet, if it were possible to concentrate the honor and glory with which history enwreathes all the names that I have mentioned—save that of One, whose humble follower may I ever be—and give them, on condition of a voyage to be made from our land here, I would not, to win them, again encounter the malady of the sea in crossing the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. To avoid such suffering I would live and die here, and have my dust covered by the sands of Egypt, were it not for the comforts of my home, the love of friends, and the hope of spending a few short years in that country whose fame is not to live in monuments, and obelisks, and pyramids, but which is now raising a moral column based upon the rights of man, to reach from earth to heaven, before which the nations of the world will bow. May they imitate it!

“Why a man of sixty-five years, with all the enjoyments in his possession that could be asked, with large duties to perform, both social and public, should have left our beloved country to look upon the condition of these down-trodden people, the remains of their ancestors, and the deserts over which they are roaming, is a problem I shall not attempt to solve. But as it is now too late to repent, it is vain to regret it, and we shall press forward to the accomplishment of our original plans with all our energy.

“To-morrow we intend to leave for Cairo, where it will require some ten days to provide a boat and furnish it properly for a trip up the Nile. We now think only of going to the island of Philæ, to which point and to return will take about two months.

“To write to thee of either ancient or modern Alexandria would be but as a twice-told tale. Pompey’s Pillar, and

Cleopatra's Needle, and Mehemet Ali's palace, writers from Egypt may well pass by as used-up subjects, and look for new ones in the progress and future of the growing city. Its fine harbor is covered with steamers of a large class, which bear its important cotton crop to the mills of Europe. I was rowed out at least a mile to one of these steamers, which was lading with two hundred bales. This product alone gives it a large business. It is the port of the inland route to the East. Steamers arrive from Marseilles, Trieste, Naples, Southampton, etc., crowded with passengers. The 'Syria,' that brought us, had probably fifty persons going Eastward,—English, French, and Spanish, and one American bound for Shanghai.

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"We shall not be likely to hear from our friends until our return from up the Nile, about the tenth of March; and shall try to avoid all anxiety about the progress of Grant and Sherman, and all cares of profit and loss, hoping that in the compulsory quiet, freedom from excitement, and genial weather, I may recover lost strength, and diminish the cough that has so long been troubling me.

"Please let me have one of thy favors on my return, telling first of thy own and sister Caroline's health, and then of everything that relates to our home, our friends, our country. We shall have an immense void to fill if we return safely to Cairo.

"Love to both of you from wife and children and from your brother,

R. D. WOOD."

"Dec. 22d. Left Alexandria at eight o'clock yesterday morning; reached Cairo by rail about three p.m., passing through the Delta, from which are grown by irrigation immense quantities of cotton and wheat, for which it is chiefly used. Gave Ali Mustapha fifteen pounds in advance of contract to take us up the Nile. My sons rode with me for the first time on donkeys, to Boolak, to look at the boats; and, after looking at two, I decided, if wife liked them, to take one

1864. of them at ninety-five pounds per month. Wife and daughter drove down, and decided to take the largest one, it having eight beds. Drove to the banker's, having yesterday seen Mr. Taylor, the American consul. Settled bargain with Ali Mustapha for four hundred and ten pounds, to take us to the island of Philæ in sixty days and return.

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"*Dec. 23d.* Called to see Mr. Taylor, consul, having written an agreement with Ali Mustapha, which I wished executed at his office. Drove, with family, to the performance of the Whirling Dervishes, and then to the Mosque of Mehemet Ali, built of alabaster; it seems already to be crumbling. Drew on Brown, Shipley & Co. for two hundred and fifty pounds, and sold at about three per cent loss. Several parties of English dine at table-d'hôte, who are bound to Syria, or up the river.

"*Dec. 24th.* Bright, pleasant day; mercury 59—66. Went to consul's office, and signed contract with Ali Mustapha, and then went to the boat with him; he agreed with the owner for one hundred and ninety pounds for the trip, whether short or long; I resisted, and agreed to give him twenty pounds a month and furnish. Upon examining the matter, and the trouble it would cause, agreed, finally, to allow the four hundred and ten pounds for the trip. Strolled, with wife, to the French Bazaar.

"*Dec. 25th.* We all went to the American Missionary service, and, after it was over, had a short talk with the men, and then followed wife, who had left before for the English Church, and heard the service, and a sermon by Mr. Wright. Wrote to Messrs. Baldwin and Armitage, at Alexandria; walked on the northwest side of the city and looked at the wall; it is a frail affair. A number of buildings are going up in that direction.

"*Dec. 26th.* Son R. and myself took a donkey-ride to Heliopolis; saw the monument, and our donkey-boy had some trouble about backsheesh. Talked, at lunch, with Mr. Schofield, of the firm of Henry & Co., Manchester. Two

young women missionaries called upon us. Several parties are about setting off, some have already gone, up the Nile. Messrs. Hoe and Root, two young Americans, and four or five English, go by the steamer on the thirtieth.

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"*Dec. 27th.* After breakfast, drove, with all the family, to Shoobra, the garden of the palace of the Pasha; walked through them, and carried away some leaves, oranges, and some cotton seeds, from the cotton that children were cleaning. Wrote to H. W. Scull; after tea, walked over to the American Mission, and found they had assembled for a prayer-meeting; in which we joined.

"*Dec. 28th.* After seeing our consul, we all drove to the boat, and, after looking at the preparations, had a talk with Ali, who made many difficulties about his contract, and I agreed to the indorsement of it, altering it for the trip; but after the indorsement was made he refused to sign unless paid one hundred pounds more. This I declined, and we are in trouble with him; afterwards agreed to meet him to-morrow."

In making these contracts with these very wily men, the great aim of the traveller is to secure for himself as much time as he may desire on the river Nile, without allowing it to be their interest to delay his return to Cairo beyond it. They cannot, of course, control the winds and the currents, but the dragomans belong to an intelligent, shrewd class, and are very fertile in expedients whereby to contribute to their own interests.

The sum which Mr. Wood had contracted to pay Ali Mustapha—four hundred and ten pounds—ten pounds more than was demanded by any one else—was, even for those times of greatly advanced prices, very high, as we knew. But we had an unusually fine boat, which was to be furnished in the best style, Ali to provide every thing liberally, as minutely specified, to pay the men,—eighteen, I think, in number,—and the all-important backsheesh. He was to en-

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Æt. 65. deavor to give us the sixty days we wished to spend on the river, including the fifteen days usually assigned for stopping to visit points of interest, and, at the end of that time, to bring us back to Cairo. Should he, however, be unable to do this, he was to receive five pounds per day for each day exceeding the sixty. But if we returned within the sixty days, the boat was to lie at Boolak, and he wait on us as our dragoman, and provide for us, as in a hotel, for the residue of the specified time. Many persons consider this mode of living in their boats at the port of Boolak much pleasanter than in the shabby hotels of Cairo. It would have suited us well—and Ali hinted at no difficulty until the contract was signed, and he, under the plea of needing to have money advanced to make preliminary arrangements, had received some twenty pounds. Then he began to say that Yusef, the owner of the boat, would not let it go in that indefinite way,—he would either hire it by the month—in which case it would probably make a very long voyage, meet with many impediments, and perhaps not reach all the points we aimed at,—or, he would hire it by the trip, longer or shorter. If this mode of hiring does not make a short passage, one may rest assured it is no fault of theirs.

Our bargain being made and duly signed, Ali, a native of Alexandria, and, as we afterward learned, a man of property there, was legally bound to carry it out; but he was violent and persistent in words, and frantic in gesticulations, and strode about the boat with such a mighty tread, that we, who had not yet learned how little all this demonstration meant, became alarmed at the idea of putting ourselves into the power of a man so furious, and begged my husband to change the contract to suit old Yusef and his “son Ali,” Orientally so styled.

“*Dec. 29th.* Went to consul's office with Yusef, the owner of the boat, and Ali; cancelled the old agreement, and signed a new one for the trip, for four hundred and ten

pounds. Looked at the rooms of the Hôtel des Ambassadeurs, with wife. During the morning a drove of fine-looking camels passed our hotel, numbering from five to eight hundred, said to belong to the Pasha. A steamer departs for Essouan to-morrow. [These steamers, belonging to the all-engrossing Pasha, were quite a new feature in Nile travel, and, while taking from the voyage much of its romance, brought it within the means of the greater number, making a trip, each month, in twenty days, at forty pounds per trip, and two pounds extra for services of dragoman.]

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"Dec. 30th. Clear, cool day. Sold bill to banker of one hundred and twenty pounds, and went to the American consul, J. W. Taylor, and closed the contract with Ali, he taking one and I retaining the other. Drove, with wife and children, to the tombs of the Caliphs, which seem to be decaying rapidly. Ali gave us notice to come on the boat after lunch to-morrow. Had a conversation with a gentleman from Leeds, England, concerned in the manufacture of Fowler's steam plough.

"Dec. 31st. Clear, cold weather. Made another call on banker, and then went to see Mr. and Mrs. Leader, the old English missionaries in this place; found the wife very English and very polite. Did not see Mr. Leader, but saw Miss Daniels, an English lady, who, finding the climate essential to her health, has been living with them for many years. Looked at a new Coptic church now building. Settled our bill at Sheppard's, which was something more than one pound each per day. The Leaders have quite a collection of Egyptian curiosities. We all came to our boat and went on board, finding it ready for departure. Except for the head wind, we should now probably be on the western side of the Nile. I strolled from the boat, and walking on the bank, about twenty feet above the water, looked first at our own boat, the 'Philæ,' over which waved a large flag, made by my wife and daughter, with the

1864. aid of Randolph in cutting out the stars. A little down
 ÆT. 65. stream lay the 'Maria Louisa,' with companion boat, belonging to the Earl of Hopeton, with the flag of England at the masthead, waiting for the completion of its stores. In the distance are the Pyramids, looking back into time more than three thousand years. In the stream are a magnificent steamer and highly gilded barge, probably the property of the Viceroy, swinging and ready to move at his pleasure. Close by me is a most substantial stone wharf, apparently connected with a large boat-building yard and foundry, in which at least a dozen iron boats are undergoing repair. Then, two large factories driven by steam, one for cloth and the other for flour, while a large iron windmill is pumping water for boiling and irrigation. Around us are a hundred Dahabiehs repairing, or waiting employment,—probably such as have been used for four hundred years upon this noble stream, bearing upon its waters the fruits of the regions of the south, and which, much the oldest of all the objects around, has been flowing probably since God's word divided the waters, separating those under the firmament from those that are above it. At eight P.M., our boat pushed out into the stream and anchored, thus parting with Cairo at the end of the year, which in a few hours parts from its old moorings and becomes a portion of eternity. I, too, am nearing a period in which I shall also pass from the things of time. Should this voyage on which we are now embarked be my last on earth, my prayer is that the Saviour will be near, and that I may feel that I am going to Him, if leaving those I love that are around me and those far off toward the setting sun. We now form a nice little family party in the snug saloon of the boat, and, with bright lights, are all busy with our books or our pens."

I have now reached the conclusion of the second volume of this memoir. Having gone thus far in the sacred task which I have assigned myself, I pause for a season, hoping,

however, that health and ability may be given me soon to resume my labor, and to follow up the career of my dear husband through the last eventful years of his life. 1864.
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It is my desire briefly to review our extended journey, from 1864 to June, 1866, in Europe and the East; then, in resuming the extracts from your father's journal, to show how easily, on our return, he took up the thread of his former life, moving steadily on in the harness of daily duties till the summons came which he calmly bowed to meet.

Man is said to be immortal until his work is done. If *this* be *my* work, I shall live to complete it after that interval of rest and change of thought I require, before venturing to approach a period of time so fraught with solemn memories. If, on the contrary, my work ends here, let this humble attempt to portray the character and perpetuate the memory of one so beloved remain as a broken column, around which, like the ivy, affection has twined its strong, enduring tendrils.

JULIANNA R. WOOD.

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